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THE

City of Londons REJOINDER,

TO

Mr. Attorney General's

REPLICATION

In the Quo Warranto

Brought by him againſt their

CHARTER.

Wherein they Plead, That

I. By *Preſcriptiion* they have a *Right*,

1. To appoint, alter, and change the *Markets* within the *City* from one place to another.
2. To regulate *Markets* and to aſcertain *Tolls* and *Priſages*, which were Levied as well upon *Freemen* as *Un-Freemen*.

They alſo Plead,

II. That upon ſerious Conſideration had of the Proceedings of the late *Damnable Popiſh-Plot* by them mentioned for the deſtruction of the *KINGS* moſt ſacred Perſon, the Extirpation of the *Proteſtant Religion*, and the Subverſion of the *Civil-Government*, The *Common Council* out of their great Zeal and Loyalty to the King, agreed to the *Petition* incerted in Mr. *Attorney-General's* ſaid *REPLICATION*.

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ERRATA.

THE Reader is desired instead of *ad Parliamen'* in the last Line of the 13 Page, to read *ad Session' Parliamenti'* and in the 2d. Line of the 14th Page, instead of *Sexto* to read *Decimo Quinto*: and in the 3d. Line of the same Page after the word *Primo*, to read *ad Per Prorogat' Tent'* and to make the like amendments in the English. Literal and other small mistakes, it is hoped will be easily pardoned.

THE CITY OF
Londons Rejoinder,

Major & Communitas ac Cives Civit' *London*, ad Sectam Dom' Regis.

ET predict. Major & Comunitas ac Cives Civitatis London *quoad predict. placit. predicti Attornat. dicti Domini Regis nunc Generalis in Assign. foris factur. Libertat. Privileg. & Franches. sequen. videlt. ipsos Majorem & Comunitat. ac Cives Civitatis* London *fore de seipsos unum Corpus Corporat. & polititam in re facto & nomine per nomen Majoris & Comunitatis ac Civium Civitatis* London *ac per idem nomen placitare & implicitari respondere ac responderi per ipsos superius clamat. superius replicando placitat. protestando quod placit. illud ac materia in eodem content. minus sufficien. in Lege existunt ad ipsos Majorem & Comunitatem ac Cives Civitatis* London *de Libertat. Privileg. & Franches. illis abjudicand. sive excludend. protestando etiam quod nullus actus vel factum neque aliqua ordinatio Anglice* By-Law *per Communne Concilium vel per Majorem Aldermanos & Commune Concilium Civitatis predict. confect. est Actus vel factum Corporis Corporat. & Politici predict. protestandoq; etiam quod ipsi predict. Major. & Comunitas ac Cives Civitat.* London *contra fiduciam*

The Mayor Commonalty and Citizens of London *at the Suit of our Lord the King.*

AND the aforesaid Mayor and Commonalty, and Citizens of the City of *London*, as to the aforesaid *Plea* of the aforesaid Attorney General of our said Lord the now King above by replying, pleaded in assisting Forfeitures of the liberty, Priviledges and Franchise, following (to Wit) them the Mayor and Commonalty; and Citizens of the City of *London* to be of themselves, a Body Corporate and Politick in deed fact and Name by the Name of the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of *London*, and by the same Name to plead, and be impleaded, to answer and be answered unto, by them above claimed, protesting that that *Plea*, and the matter in the same contained are not sufficient in Law, them the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of *London*, of that Liberty, Priviledge and Franchise, to fore-judge or Exclude Protesting, also that no Act, or Deed nor, any By-Law; made by the Common Council or by the Mayor, Aldermen and Common Council of the City aforesaid, is the Act, or Deed, of the said Body Corporate and Politick, and Protesting also that the said Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of *London*; contrary to the

Truſt in them repoſed, never aſſumed upon themſelves any unlawful or unjuſt power, to leavy Money of the Subjects, and Liege people of the King, to the private lucre and profit of them, the Mayor and Commonalty, and Citizens of the City of *London*, by Colour of Laws or Ordinances, by them made or ordained as the aforeſaid Attorney General of our ſaid Lord the now King, for the ſame our Lord the King above ſuppoſeth, and proteſting further that the ſame Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of *London*, have not leavied or exacted ſo great Sums of Money, by the year of perſons coming to publick *Markets* held within the ſaid City with Victuals and Proviſions, there to be ſold as the ſaid Attorney General, for our ſame Lord the King above hath Alledged. For *Plea* nevertheleſs, as to the making and publiſhing the Law for leavying Moneys of perſons coming to publick *Markets*, held within the City aforeſaid, with Victuals and Proviſions there to be ſold, and the exacting and leavying of thoſe Moneys above ſuppoſed to be done. The ſame Mayor and Commonalty, and Citizens of the City of *London*, ſay that the City of *London* aforeſaid is, and from the time whereof the memory of man is not to the contrary was the chief and Capital City, and Metropoliſs and the Principal Port of this Kingdom of *England*, and in Citizens & Inhabitants moſt Populous, and in the Concourſe of People, as well Liegemen of our Lord the King as Foreigners moſt abounding and the moſt renouned Mart-Town of all *Europe*, and that there are now held and kept, and from the time whereof the memory of man is not to the contrary there

in eis repoſit. nunquam aſſumpſer. ſuper ſe aliquam illicitam vel injuſtam poteſtatem ad denar. de ſubditis & ligeis Domini Regis Levand. ad privat. Lucrum & commodum ipſor. Majoris & Comunitat. ac Civium Civitat. London *colore Legum ſive ordinationum per ipſos fact. ſive ordinat. prout predict. Attorn. dicti Domini Regis nunc Generalis pro eodem Domino Rege ſuperius ſuppoſition. proteſtandoq; ulterius quod iidem Major &* Comunitas *ac Cives Civitatis* London *non Levaver. ſeu exrger. tantas denar. ſummas per Annum de perſonis ad publica Marcata infra Civitat. predict. tent. cum Victualibus & Proviſionibus ibidem Venden. acceden. quant. dictus Attorn. Generalis pro eodem Domino Rege ſuperius allegavit pro placito tamen quoad confection. & publication. Legis pro Levatione denarior. de perſonis ad publica Marcata infra Civitat. predict. tent. cum Victualibus & Proviſionibus ibidem venden. acceden. ac exactionem & Levation. hujuſmodi denar. ſuperius fieri ſuppoſit. iidem Major. & Comunitas ac Cives Civitat.* London *dicunt quod Civitas* London *predict eſt & a tempore cujus contrarij memoria hominum non exiſtit fuit ſumma & Capitalis Civitas & Metropolis ac principalis Portus hujus Regni Anglie & in Civibus & Inhabitantibus maxime populoſa & in concurſu hominum tam Ligeor. Domini Regis quam extraneor. copioſiſſima Emporiumque totius* Europe *celeberrimum Quodque habentur & tenentur & a tempore cujus contrarij memoria Hominum non exiſtunt*

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habebantur & tenebantur publica Mercata infra Civitat' præd' pro victualibus, pro provisionibus, & al' bonis & Merchandis adinde adduct' ibidem vendend' Quodque ipsi præd' Maior & Communitas ac Cives Civitat' London' præd' decimo septimo die Septembris Anno vicesimo sexto supradicto in replicatione prædict' mentionat' necnon continue postea, & à tempore cujus contrarii memoria Hominum non existit seizit' fuer' & adhuc seizit' existunt de & in publicis Mercatis præd' in Dimesn' suo, ut de Feodo, ac per totum idem tempus sumptibus suis propriis provider' ac providere consuever' & debuerunt Fora Mercatoria sive Loca ubi hujusmodi Mercata tent' fuer' quotiescunque necesse fuit, & Stallas, Stationes, & al' Accommodationes pro personis ad eadem Mercata venien' cum victualibus & provisionibus ibidem vendend' pro meliori & magis convenien' venditioni expositione eorundem, & Supervisores & alios Officiarios Mercatorum illorum pro preservatione boni Ordinis in eisdem Mercatis, & meliori regulatione eorundem, & magni concursus populi adinde confluen' ac emundaverunt & emundare consueverunt, & debuerunt Fora Mercatoria prædicta, & pro sustentatione dictorum sumptuum suorum per totum tempus prædictum habuer' & perceper' ac habere & percipere consuever' diversas rationabiles Toluet' Ratas, sive denariorum summas de quibuscunque personis ad Mercata præd. sic ut præfertur venien' pro Stallis,

were held and kept *publick* Markets within the City aforesaid, for Victuals, Provisions, and other goods and Merchandizes thither brought there to be sold. And that they, the said *Mayor* and *Commonalty*, and *Citizens* of the City of *London* aforesaid on the aforesaid seventeenth day of *September*, in the six and twentieth year aforesaid in the Replication aforesaid mentioned; and continually since, and from the time whereof the *Memory of Man is not* to the *contrary* were seized, and yet are *seized* of, and in the *publick* Markets aforesaid in their *Demesne* as of *Fee*, and by that whole time at their own proper Charges have provided and have been accustomed, and ought to provide Market places where such Markets were held as often as need required, and Stalls, Standings, and other Accommodations for persons coming to the same Markets with Victuals and Provisions there to be sold, for the better and more convenient exposing the same to Sale. And have provided and appointed Overseers and other Officers of those Markets for the preservation of good Order in the same Markets, and for the better regulation of the same, and of the great concourse of People thither resorting, and have cleansed, and have been accustomed, and ought to cleanse the Market places aforesaid. And for defraying their said Charges by the whole time aforesaid, have had and received, and have been accustomed to have and receive divers reasonable Tolls, Rates, or Sums of Money of all persons whatsoever to the Markets aforesaid so as aforesaid coming for Stalls,

Standings, and other Accommodations by them had for the exposing to Sale such Victuals and Provisions in those Markets. And the same Mayor, and Commonalty, and Citizens of the City of *London* further say, that the Citizens and Freemen of the City aforesaid, the said seventeenth of *September*, in the six and twentieth year abovesaid, always were, and yet are very numerous (to wit) fifty thousand men and more: And that within the said City of *London* (to wit, in the said Parish of St. *Michael Bassieshaw*, in the Ward of *Bassieshaw*) from the time whereof, the memory of Man is not to the contrary; there was had, and hath been a Common Council of the same City from time to time, as often as need required Assembled in the same City, consisting of the Mayor and Aldermen of the said City for the time being, and of certain Citizens being Freemen of the said City not exceeding the number of two hundred and fifty persons out of the Citizens and Freemen of the City aforesaid, yearly Elected to be of the said Common Council, which said Citizens so Elected in such Common Council are called Commons of the City of *London*. And that within the City aforesaid (to wit, at the said Parish of St. *Michael Bassieshaw*, in the Ward of *Bassieshaw* aforesaid) there is, and from the time whereof the memory of man is not to the contrary, there was such a Custom used and approved (to wit) that the Mayor and Aldermen of the said City, and such Citizens so Elected to be of the Common

Stationibus, & aliis Accommodationibus per eas pro venditioni expositione hujusmodi victualium & provisionum in Mercatis illis habit. Et iidem Major & Communitas ac Cives Civitat' London' ulterius dicunt, quod Cives & Liberi homines Civitatis præd' prædicto decimo septimo die Septembris, Anno vicesimo sexto supradicto, & semper fuer', & adhuc existunt valde numerosi, videlicet, quinquinta millia homines & plur' Quodque infra dictam' Civitat' London' videlicet, apud præd' Parochiam Sancti Michaelis Bassieshaw in Warda de Bassieshaw, à tempore cujus contrarii memoria hominum non existit habebatur, & fuit Commune Concilium ejusdem Civitatis de tempore in tempus, quoties necesse fuit, in eadem Civitate assemblat', consistens de Majore & Alderm' dicte Civitatis pro tempore existen' ac de quibusdam Civibus existen' Liberis hominibus Civitatis illius, non excedin' numerum ducentar' & quinquaginta personarum è Civibus & Liberis hominibus Civitat' præd' annuatim Elect' fore de Communi Concilio illo, qui quidem Cives sic Elect' in hujusmodi Communi Concilio vocantur Communiarii, Anglice, Commons. Civitat' London' Quodque infra Civitat' præd' videlicet apud præd. Parochiam Sancti Michaelis Bassieshaw, in Warda de Bassieshaw præd. habetur, & existit, & à tempore cujus contrarii memoria hominum non existit habebatur, & fuit talis consuetudo usitat' & approbat' videlicet quod Major & Alderm' dict' Civit' ac hujusmodi Cives sic Elect' fore de Com'Conc'ejusdem

Civitatis

Civitatis pro tempore existen' in Communi Concilio suo infra Civitat' ibid. assemblat' a toto tempore supradicto secundum consuetudinem Civitat' præd' fecer' & constituer' ac facere & constituere consuever' & possunt ac potuer' Leges & Ordinationes pro meliori Regulatione & Gubernatione publicor' Mercator' infra Civitat' præd. ac pro appunctuatione convenien' Locor' & Tempor' quando & ubi infra eandem Civitat' Mercata illa tent' fiunt, & pro assessione, & in rectitudinem reductione rationabilium Toluet', Ratar' sive denar' summarum solvend' per personas ad eadem Mercata venien' pro Stallis, Stationibus, & aliis Accommodationibus per eas pro venditioni expositione victualium & provisionum in Mercatis illis habi' quoties, & quando eis videbitur expediri, dum tamen Leges & Ordinationes hujusmodi Domino Regi & populo suo sint utiles, & bonæ Fidei & Rationi consone, ac Legibus & Statut' hujus Reg. Anglie minime contrar' Quodque in magna Carta de Libertatibus Anglie in Parliamento Dom' Henrici quondam Regis Anglie Tertii apud Westm' in Com' Middlesex, An. Regni sui nono tent' edit' & provis' continetur quod Civitas London' habeat omnes Libertates suas Antiquas & Consuetudines suas; & iidem Major & Communitas ac Cives Civitat' London' ulterius dicunt, quod Dominus Edwardus quondam Rex Anglie tertius in Parliamento suo apud Westmon' in Com' Midd.

Council of the same City for the time being in their Common Council Assembled within the same City from the whole time aforesaid, according to the Custom of the City aforesaid, have made and constituted, and have been accustomed, and might, and can make and constitute Laws and Ordinances for the better Regulation and Government of the publick Markets within the City aforesaid; and for the appointing convenient Places and Times when and where within the same City the said Markets should be held; and for the assessing and reducing to certainty the reasonable Tolls, Rates, or Sums of Money to be paid by persons coming to the said Markets for Stalls, Standings, and other Accommodations by them had for the exposing to Sale Victuals and Provisions in those Markets, as often as, and when to them should seem expedient, yet so as such Laws and Ordinances be useful to our Lord the King and his People, and consonant to good Faith and Reason, and not contrary to the Laws and Statutes of this Realm of *England*; And that in the great Charter of the Liberties of *England* made and provided in the Parliament of Lord *Henry* the Third, sometime King of *England*, held at *Westminster* in the County of *Middlesex*, in the Ninth year of his Reign it is contained, That the City of *London* have all its Antient Liberties, and its Customs; And the same Mayor and Commonalty, and Citizens of the City of *London*, do further say, That Lord *Edward* the Third sometime King of *England* in his Parliament held at *Westminster*

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in the County of *Middlesex*, in the first year of his Reign by his Charter with the Assent of the Prelates, Earls, Barons, and whole Commonalty of his Realm in his said Parliament Assembled at *Westminster* aforesaid, and by Authority of the same Parliament did confirm to the then Citizens of the City of *London* aforesaid, the Liberties following (amongst other things) to hold to them and their Successors for ever, first reciting, That whereas in the great Charter of the Liberties of *England*, it is contained, that the City of *London* have all its Antient Liberties, and its Customs, and that the same Citizens at the time of the making of the said great Charter, and in the times of Saint *Edward* the King, and Confessor, and *William* the Conquerour, and other the Progenitors of the said King *Edward* the Third had divers Liberties and Customs as well by the Charters of those his Progenitors, as without Charters of Antient Custom. The same King *Edward* the Third did will and grant for him and his Heirs by that Charter, by the Authority aforesaid, that the same Citizens should have their Liberties according to the Form of the great Charter aforesaid, as by the said Charter bearing Date at *Westminster* aforesaid, the sixth of *March*, in the aforesaid first year of the Reign of the said King *Edward* the Third, under his great Seal of *England*, produced here in Court doth more fully appear. And the same Mayor, and Commonalty, and Citizens of the City of *London* further say, That at the Instance and

Anno Regni sui primo tent' per quandam Cartam suam de assensu Prælator' Comitum Baronum ac totius Communitatis Regni sui in eodem Parliamento suo apud Westm' præd' convocat' existen' ac auctoritate ejusdem Parliamenti confirmavit tunc Civibus Civitat' London' præd' Libertates subsequen' (inter alia) habend' sibi & Successoribus suis in perpet' imprimis recitando, Quod cum in magna Carta de Libertatibus Anglie contineatur quod Civitas London habeat omnes Libertates suas antiquas & Consuetudines suas, & quod iidem Cives tempore confectionis dict' Carte, ac temporibus St. Edwardi Regis, & Confessoris, & Will' Conquestoris, & al' Progenitor' dicti Regis Edwardi Tertii, diversas Libertates & Consuetudines tam per Cartas ipsorum Progenitorum suorum quam sine Cartis, ex Antiqua Consuetudine habuissent voluit, & concessit idem Rex Edwardus rectius pro se & Heredibus suis per Cartam ill' auctoritate præd' quod iidem Cives haberent Libertates suas secundum Formam magne Carte supradict' prout per eandem Cartam geren' Dat' apud Westm. præd' sexto die Martii, Anno Regni Domini Regis Edwardi Tertii primo supradicto, sub magno Sigillo suo Anglie Sigillat' hic in Cur' prolat' inter alia plenius apparet. Et iidem Major, & Civitas, ac Cives Civitat' London ulterius dicunt, Quod ad instan'

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London' ſeu per nomen Civium Ci- & requiſitionem Communitatis Regni Anglie in Parliamento Domini Richardi nuper Regis Anglie ſecundi poſt Conq' apud Weſtm' præd. Anno Regni ſui ſeptimo tent' aſſemblat' pro majori quiete & pace inter Ligeos ejuſdem nuper Regis fovend. & pro bono publico, omnes Conſuetudines, Libertates, Privileg' & Franchiſes Civitat. præd. tunc Civibus Civitat. præd & eorum Succeſſoribus, Authoritate ejuſdem Parliamenti ratificat' & confirmat' fuer' Quodque prædictus Dominus Rex nunc per Literas ſuas Patentes ſub magno Sigillo ſuo Anglie Sigillat. geren. Dat. apud Weſtm. præd. viceſimo quarto die Junii, Anno Regni ſui decimo quinto quas iidem Major & Communitas, ac Cives Civitat. London. hic in Cur' proferunt, pro ipſo Rege Hered. & Succeſſoribus ſuis ratificavit & confirmavit Majori & Communitati ac Civibus Civitat. London. & Succeſſoribus ſuis omnia & ſingula, juriſdictiones, Authoritat. Privileg. Libertates, Franchiſes, Quietantias, Immunitates, & Conſuetudines quecunque que præfat. Major & Communitas, ac Cives Civitat. London. vel Prædeceſſores ſui per nomen Majoris & Communitat. ac Civium Civitat. London. ſeu per nomen Majoris, Alderm. Civium' & Communitat. London. ſeu per nomen Majoris & Civium Civitat' Lond. ſeu per nomen Majoris & Communitat. Civitat.

Requeſt of the Commonalty of the Kingdom of *England* Aſſembled in the Parliament of Lord *Richard* the Second, ſince the Conqueſt, late King of *England* held at *Weſtminſter* aforeſaid, in the Seventh year of his Reign, for the cheriſhing of greater Quiet and Peace amongſt the Leige People of the ſame late King, and for the Publick good, All the Cuſtoms, Liberties, Priviledges and Franchiſes of the City aforeſaid, were ratified and confirmed to the then Citizens of the City aforeſaid, and their Succeſſors, by Authority of the ſame Parliament: And that our aforeſaid Lord the now King, by his Letters Patents under his great Seal of *England*, bearing Date at *Weſtminſter* aforeſaid the four and twentieth day of *June*, in the fifteenth year of his Reign, which the ſame Mayor and Commonalty, and Citizens of the City of *London* produce here in Court, for himſelf, his Heirs and Succeſſors did ratifie and confirm to the Mayor and Commonalty, and Citizens of the City of *London*, and their Succeſſors, all, and every the Juriſdictions, Authorities, Priviledges, Liberties, Franchiſes, Acquittances, Immunities and Cuſtoms whatſoever, which the ſaid Mayor and Commonalty, and Citizens of the City of *London*, or their Predeceſſors, by the name of Mayor, and Commonalty, and Citizens of the City of *London*, or by the name of Mayor, Aldermen, Citizens and Commonalty of *London*, or by the name of Mayor and Citizens of the City of *London*, or by the name of Mayor and Commonalty of the City of *London*, or by the

name of the Citizens of the City of *London*, or by the name of the Barons of *London*, or by the name of the Barons of the City of *London*, or by any other name whatſoever, by reaſon or vertue of the Letters Patents, Charters, or Confirmations in the ſame Letters Patents of our ſaid Lord the now King before mentioned, or of any Uſage or Uſages, Preſcription or Preſcriptions, or any other lawful means whatſoever in any time or times thentofore had, or reaſonably uſed or exerciſed, To have, hold, enjoy and exerciſe all and ſingular the Premiſes aforeſaid, to the ſame Mayor, and Commonalty, and Citizens of the City of *London* aforeſaid, and their Sueceſſors for ever ſo fully, freely and entirely, and in as ample manner and form as in the ſame Letters Patents they are above mentioned to be given or granted, or otherwiſe by Uſage, Preſcription, or other lawful means or right whatſoever thentofore reſpectively were had, obtained, or enjoyed, as if they were, and had been, ſeverally, particularly, and by name in and by the ſaid Letters Patents of our ſaid Lord the now King expreſſed, named, declared, granted and manifeſted, as by the ſame Letters Patents (amongſt other things) more fully appeareth. And the ſame Mayor and Commonalty, and Citizens of the City of *London* further ſay, that after that great Conflagration of the greateſt part of the City aforeſaid, which was in the Month of *September*, in the year of our Lord, One thouſand ſix hundred ſixty ſix, and the Alterations in the City and Markets aforeſaid, thereby occaſioned, divers Contro

vitatis London' ſeu per nomen Baron London' ſeu per nomen Baron Civitat. London' ſeu per aliquod aliud nomen quodcunque ratione vel vigore Literar' Patentium, Cartar' ſeu confirmation' in eiſdem Literis Patentibus dicti Domini Regis prementionat' vel alicujus ſeu aliquor' uſus vel uſuum, Preſcriptionis vel Preſcriptionum ſeu alio Legali modo quocunque aliquo tempore, vel aliquibus temporibus ante tunc habuiſſent, ſeu rationabilit. uſi fuiſſent aut exercuiſſent, habend. tenend. gaudend. & exercend. omnia & ſingula premiſſa præd. eiſdem Majori & Communitati, ac Civibus Civitat. London. Præd. & Succeſſoribus ſuis imperpetuum adeo plene libere & integre, ac in tam amplis modo & forma prout in iiſdem Literis Patentibus ſuperius mentionantur fore data, ſive conceſſa, aut aliter uſu, Preſcript' vel alio Legali modo, ſeu jure quocunque ante tunc reſpective habit' obtent' ſive gaviſa fuiſſent, ac ſi ſeparatim, ſingulatim & nominatim in & per dictas Literas Patentes ipſius Domini Regis nunc expreſſ. nominat. declarat. conceſſa & manifeſta eſſent & fuiſſent, prout per eaſdem Literas Patentes (inter alia) plenius apparet. Et iidem Major & Communitas ac Cives Civitat. London. ulterius dicunt, quod poſt magnam illam Conflagration' maxime partis Civitat. præd. quæ fuit in menſe Septembris, Anno Dom. Milleſimo ſexcenteſimo ſexageſimo ſexto ac alteration' in Civit' & Mercat' præd. perinde occaſionat'

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diverſe controverſie & queſtiones orte fuer' infra eandem Civitat' de & concernen' Stabilitiun' Mercator' & denar' ſummar' per Ligeos Dom. Regis pro victualibus & proviſionibus in Mercatis illis venditioni expoſit' ſolubil' ac ſuperinde præd. die Jovis decimo ſeptimo die Septembris, Anno Regni dicti Dom. Regis nunc viceſimo ſexto ſupradicto, quidam Will. Hooker Miles, tunc Major Civitat' præd. & Alderm' dicte Civitat' ac Communiarii ſive Cives de Communi Concilio ejuſdem Civitatis tunc exiſten' in Communi Concilio ſuo infra eandem Civitat' (ſcil. in præd. Camera Guildhall Civitatis illius, ſcituat' in præd. Parochia Sancti Michaelis Baſſieſhaw in Warda de Baſſieſhaw præd. (ad tunc aſſemblat' ſecundum Conſuetudinem dicte Civitat' ac Authoritate ejuſdem Communis Concilii fecer' conſtituer' & publicaver. quendam Actum ſive Ordination' pro meliori regulatione & gubernatione publicorum Mercator. infra Civitat' præd. tent' intitulat' An Act for the ſettlement and well ordering of the ſeveral publick Markets within the City of *London. Per quem quidem Actum ſive Ordination' inter alia recitando, quod cum pro accommodation' populi Mercat. Anglice* of Market people, *cum Stallis, aſſeribus, tectur' Anglice* ſhelter, *& aliis hujuſmodi rebus neceſſariis pro eor' Stationibus in aliquibus Mercat' infra Civitat' illi ac pro emundand' paviend' eſcurand' & munda cuſtodiend' eadem; Ac etiam pro ſuſtinendo, Anglice* defraying, *incident' onera reparationis & manutentionis dictorum Mercator' & ſcilicet ad gratificand' & munerand' curam & attendentiam talium perſonarum quæ' forent occupat' in eiſdem quædam rationabiles Rate pro dict' accommodationibus & oneribus, ſemper ſolut. fuiſſent & ad inten-*

verſies and Queſtions did ariſe within the ſame City of, and concerning the ſettling the Markets, & the Sums of Money payable by the Liege people of our Lord the King, for Victuals and Proviſions in thoſe Markets expoſed to Sale: And thereupon on the ſaid *Thurſday* the 17th day of *Septem.* in the 26th year of the Reign of our ſaid Lord the now King aforeſaid, Sir *William Hooker* Knight, then Mayor of the City aforeſaid, and the Aldermen of the ſaid City, and the Commons or Citizens of the Common Council of the ſame City then being in their Common Council then Aſſembled within the ſame City, (to wit, in the ſaid Chamber of the *Guildhall* of the ſame City ſcituate in the ſaid Pariſh of St. *Michael Baſſieſhaw*, in the Ward of *Baſſieſhaw* aforeſaid) according to the Cuſtom of the ſaid City, & by the Authority of the ſame Common Council did make, conſtitute & publiſh an Act or Ordinance for the better Regulation and Government of the publick Markets held within the City aforeſaid, entituled, (*An Act for the ſettlement and well ordering the ſeveral publick Markets within the City of* London). By which ſaid Act or Ordinance (amongſt other things) reciting, That whereas for accommodation of Market people with Stalls, Boards, Shelter, & other like things neceſſary for their Standing in any of the Market places within that City, & for cleanſing, paving, ſcouring, and keeping clean the ſame; & alſo for the defraying the incident charges of repairing and maintaining the ſaid Markets; and likewiſe to gratifie and reward the care and attendance of ſuch perſons as ſhould be imployed therein, there have alwaies been paid certain reaſonable Rates for the ſaid accommodations & charges. And to

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the intent that the ſaid Rates may be aſcertained and made publick to all Market people, whereby the perſons that ſhall from thenceforth by Order of that Court of Common Council, be imployed as Collectors or Receivers of the ſame Rates, may be prevented from demanding, exacting, or receiving more than was allowed by that Act or Ordinance; It was ordered & enacted by Authority of the ſame Com. Council, amongſt other things, that all and every perſon & perſons reſorting to any of the ſaid Markets, to ſell & vend their commodities, ſhall from thenceforth pay unto ſuch perſon or perſons as were, or ſhould from time to time be appointed to take and receive the profits of all, or any of the ſaid Markets to the uſe of the ſaid Mayor, and Commonalty, and Citizens of the City of *London*, of, and from all Market people thereunto reſorting for their Stalls, Standings, and other Accomdations in the ſeveral Market places as aforeſaid, after the Rates following, and no more (that is to ſay) for every Stall or Standing eight foot long, and four foot broad, for ſale of Fleſh-meat, or Fiſh, two ſhillings and ſix pence *per* week, for every Stall or Standing of ſix foot long, and four foot broad, two ſhillings *per* week, for every Stall or Standing of 6 or 8 foot long, and four foot broad for other commodities three pence *per* day, for every horſe-load of proviſions not upon Stalls, or under publick ſhelter, two pence *per* day, for every Doſſer of like proviſions, one penny *per* day, for every Cart-load with not above 3 horſes, four pence *per* day; for every Cart-load with 4 horſes, or above, 6 pence *per* day. And it was further ordered & enacted by the Authority aboveſaid, That the Collectors or Receivers appointed as aforeſaid, ſhould have power upon obſtinate denial or delay of any of the Market people to pay the reſpective Rates aboveſaid, them from their reſpective ſtandings & places to amove & diſplace.

tionem quod dicte Rate forent certe & publice facte omni populo Mercatorio, Anglice Market-people, *per quod perſone que extunc per ordinem illius Cur' Com. Concilii occupat' forent tanquam Collectores, vel Receptores earundem Ratar' prevenirentur à demandando, exigendo, ſeu recipiendo plus quam allocat. fuit per Actum ſive Ordination. ill' ordinat. & inactitat. fuit Authoritate ejuſdem Com. Concilii inter alia, quod omnes & quelibet perſona & perſone ad aliquod dict. Mercator. accedend. ad commoditates ſuas vendend. & uttand. extunc ſolverent tali perſone ſeu perſonis quales fuer. vel forent de tempore in tempus appunctuat. ad capiend. & recipiend. proficua omnium vel aliquor. dictor. Mercator. ad uſum Majoris & Communitatis ac Civium Civitat. Lond. de & ab omni populo Mercatorio adinde acceden. pro Stallis, Stationibus, & aliis accommodationibus ſuis in ſeparal. Mercatis præd. ut præfertur, ſecundum Ratas ſequen. & non amplius; videl. pro qualibet Stalla ſive Station. de Longitudine octo pedum & Latitudine quatuor pedum pro venditione carnis, aut piſcis duos ſolid. & ſex denar. per ſeptim. pro qualibet Stalla ſive Statione de Longitudine ſex pedum & Latitudine quatuor pedum duos ſolid. per ſeptiman. pro qualibet Stalla ſive Statione de longitudine ſex vel octo pedum & latitudine quatuor pedum, & aliis commoditatibus tres denar. per diem, pro quolibet onere equino proviſion. non ſuper Stallas, vel ſub publica tectur. Anglice* ſhelter, *duos denar. per diem, pro qualibet Camiſtra, Anglice* Doſſer, *conſimilis proviſion' un' denar' per diem; pro qual' caretat' tract. cum non plur. quam tribus Equis quatuor denar. per diem pro qual. caretat. tract. cum quat. Equis vel pluribus ſex denar. per diem. Ac ulterius ordinat. & inactitat. fuit dicta Authoritate quod Collectores aut Receptores appunctuat' vel appunctuand. ut prefertur, haberent poteſtatem ſuper obſtiſtinata denegatione ſeu delatione alicujus populi Mercatorii, ad ſolvend. reſpectivas Ratas prædict. illos ab eorum reſpectivis Stationibus & locis amovere & diſlocare.*

Et iidem Maior & Communitas ac Cives Civitat. London. *ulterius dicunt quod eadem ratæ per Actum ſive ordinationum ill. ut prefertur ſolvi ordinat. predict. tempore confectionis ordinationis illius & extunc hucuſque fuerunt rationabiles & adhuc rationabiles exiſtunt quodque ratæ & denariorum ſummæ per eundem Actum ſive Ordinationem ſolvi ordinat. ſunt omnes ratæ toluet. & denarior. ſummæ pro victualibus & proviſionibus in Mercat. predict. vendit. ſeu venditioni expoſit. per aliquas perſonas à dicto tempore confectionis ejuſdem Ordinationis hucuſque ad uſum Maioris & Communitat. ac civum Civitat.* London. *ſolubil. & ſolut. quas quidem ratas ſic ſolvi ordinat. & null. alias iidem Maior & Communtas ac cives Civitatis* London. *à tempore Actus ſive ordinationis illius ut præfertur fact. hucuſque exeger. & perceper. ſecundum formam & effectum ejuſdem Actus ſive Ordinationis. Qui quidem Actus ſive Ordinatio eſt eadem Lex per ipſos Maiorem & Communitat. ac cives Civitat.* London. *ſuperius de facto inactitat. fore ſupponit. in predict. placito predict. Attorn. Generalis ſuperius replicando placitat. ſpec. Abſq; hoc quod aliqua Lex actus ſive ordinatio pro levatione denar. predict. de perſonis ad Mercata predict. accedend. cum Victualibus & proviſionibus ibid. vendend. inactitat. ſive fact. fuit aliter vel alio modo quam iidem Maior. & Communitas ac cives Civitatis* London. *ſuperius allegaver. prout idem Attorn. Generalis pro dicto Dom. Rege nunc ſuperius ſuppon. & hoc parat. ſunt verifi-*

And the ſaid Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of *London* farther ſay, that the ſame rates by that Act or Ordinance as aforeſaid, ordered to be paid at the ſaid time of the making that Ordinance, and from thenceforth hitherto were reaſonable, and yet are reaſonable; and that the Rates and Summes of Money by the ſame Act or Ordinance ordered to be paid, are all the Rates, Tolls, and Summes of Money payable, and paid for Victuals and Proviſions in the Markets aforeſaid ſold or expoſed to Sale by any perſons, from the ſaid time of the making of the ſame Ordinance hitherto, to the uſe of the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of *London*; which ſaid Rates ſo ordered to be paid, and no others, the ſame Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of *London*, from the time of that Act or Ordinance as aforeſaid made, hitherto, have demanded and received according to the form and effect of the ſame Act or Ordinance, which ſaid Act or Ordinance is the ſame Law, by them the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of *London*, above in Fact ſuppoſed to be enacted, ſpecified in the ſaid Plea of the ſaid Attorney General above by replying Pleaded without that, That any Law, Act or Ordinance for Leavying the Money aforeſaid, of Perſons reſorting to the Markets aforeſaid, with Victuals and Proviſions there to be ſold, was enacted or made otherwiſe, or in any other manner, than the ſame Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of *London* have above alledged, as the ſame Attorney General for our ſaid Lord the now King above ſuppoſeth: and this

they are ready to verify; and as to the reſidue of the aforeſaid Plea of the aforeſaid Attorney General, in aſſigning the Forfeitures as aforeſaid, above by replying Pleaded, the ſame Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of *London* ſay, that on the four and twentieth day of *April*, in the thirtieth year of the Reign of our ſaid Lord the now King, and for divers years then laſt paſt, and ſince the ſame four and twentieth day of *April*, within this Kingdom of *England*, and elſewhere, (to wit, at *London* aforeſaid, in the ſaid Pariſh of St. *Michael Baſſiſhaw*, in the Ward of *Baſſiſhaw* aforeſaid,) there hath been contrived and carried on by the Papiſts, a traiterous and execrable Conſpiracy and Plot, to Kill and Murder our Lord the now King, and to alter, change and ſubvert the ancient Government and Laws of the ſame Kingdom, and to ſuppreſs the true Religion eſtabliſhed in the ſame, and to extirpate and deſtroy the Profeſſors of the ſame Religion; which ſaid Plot and Conſpiracy was contrived and carried on in divers places, and by ſeveral wayes and means, and by a great number of Perſons of ſeveral qualities and degrees, who acted and employed themſelves therein to execute and accompliſh the aforeſaid wicked and traiterous deſigns and purpoſes; and that afterwards, (to wit) on the ſeven and twentieth day of *September*, in the thirtieth year aboveſaid, Sir *Edmondbury Godfrey* Knight, then one of the Juſtices of our Lord the King, aſſigned to keep the Peace in the County of *Middleſex*, according to the Duty of his Office and Oath, at the Pariſh of St. *Martins in the Fields*, in the ſame County of *Middleſex*, did take Examinations

care: Et quoad reſid. predict. placiti predicti Attornat: Generalis in Aſſign. forisfactur. ut præfertur ſuperius replicando placitat. iidem Maior & Communitat. ac Cives Civitat. London. *dicunt quod viceſimo quarto die* Aprilis, *Anno regni dict. Dom. Regis nunc triceſimo & per diverſos Annos tunc ult. elapſos ac poſt eundem viceſimum quartum diem* Aprilis, *infra hoc regnum* Angliæ *& alibi, videlicet apud* London. *predict. in predict. Parochia Sanct.* Michaelis Baſſiſhaw *in Warda de* Baſſiſhaw *predict. proditoria & execrabilis conſpiratio & conjuratio machinat. & proſecut. fuit per Papiſtas, Anglicè* Papiſts, *ad interficiend. & murdrand. Dom. Regem nunc & ad altercand. mutand. & ſubvertend. antiquas gubernation. & Leges ejuſdem Regni & ad ſupprimend. veram Religionem in eodem ſtabilit. & ad extirpandum & diſtruendum profeſſores ejuſdem Religionis: Quæ quidem conſpiratio & conjuratio machinat. & proſecut. fuer. in diverſis locis & per ſeparat. vias & media ac per magnum numerum perſonarum ſeparat. qualitat. & graduum quæ agebant & ſe occupaver. in eiſdem ad exequend. & perimplend. predicta ſcelerata & proditoria machinationes & propoſita: Quodque poſtea, ſcilicet, Viceſimo ſeptimo die* Septembris *Anno triceſimo ſupradicto,* Edmundus-Bury Godfrey *Miles tunc unus Juſticiar. Dom. Regis ad pacem in Comit.* Middl. *conſervandum aſſignat. ſecundum Officii & juramenti ſui debitum apud Parochiam Sancti* Martini *in Campis in eodem Comitat.* Middl. *cepit Examination. & Information.*

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de præfat. Conſpiratione & Conjuratione, ac Information. quod magna illa Conflagratio maximæ partis Civitatis London. *quæ fuiſſet in menſe* Septembris *Anno Dom. millimo ſexcenteſimo ſexageſimo ſexto fact. fuit per Papiſtas, poſteaque per adviſamentum, aſſenſum, conſilium, inſtigationem & procurationem aliquorum dictorum Conſpiratorum diverſæ perſonæ in inſidiis intuer. & inſecut. fuerunt præfat.* Edmundus Bury Godfrey *diverſis diebus ea intentione ad ipſum murdrand. videliset apud Parochiam Sanct.* Mariæ le Savoy *in dicto Comitat.* Middl. *Quod quidem murdrum poſtea, ſcil. duodecimo die* Octobris *Anno triceſimo ſupradicto, apud eandem Parochiam per eos perpetrat. & effectum fuit; ac perpetrat. & factum fuit ea intentione ad ſupprimendum Examination. & Information. quas ipſe ut præfertur cepiſſet, & ad deterrend. & intimidand. Magiſtrat. & al. ab agendo in ulteriori detectione Conſpirationis & Conjurationis pred. Pro quo quidem Murdro quidam* Robertus Greene, Girald *Clericus*, Henricus Bury, Laurencius Hill, Dominic Kelley *&* Filibertus Vernatt, *poſtea, ſcilicet Termino Sanct.* Hillarii *Annis Regni dict. Dom. Regis nunc triceſimo & triceſimo primo in Curia Dom. Regis coram ipſo Rege apud* Weſtm. *in dicto Com.* Middl. *per quandam Juram. prædict. ejuſdem Com.* Middl. *debita juris forma indictat. fuerunt. Ad quod quidem Indictamentum, poſtea, ſcilicet eodem Termino predict.* Robertus Green, Henricus Bury, *&* Laurencius Hill, *ſeparatim placitaver. quod ipſi non fuer. inde culpabiles, & de eo poſuer. ſe ſuper Patriam, ac poſtea, (ſcilicet) eo-*

tions and Informations of the ſaid Plot and Conſpiracy, and Information that that great Conflagration of the greateſt part of the City of *London*, which was in the Month of *September*, in the year of our Lord one thouſand ſix hundred ſixty ſix, was done by the Papiſts; and afterwards by the Advice, Conſent, Counſel, Inſtigation and Procurement of ſome of the ſaid Conſpirators, divers Perſons lay in wait and purſued the ſaid Sir *Edmondbury Godfrey* divers dayes, with intent to Murder him, (to wit) at the Pariſh of St. *Mary le Savoy*, in the ſaid County of *Middleſex*, which ſaid Murder afterwards, (to wit) on the twelfth day of *October*, in the thirtieth year aforeſaid, at the ſame Pariſh by them was perpetrated and effected, and was perpetrated and done with intent to ſuppreſs the Examinations and Informations which he as aforeſaid had taken, and to deterre and diſcourage Magiſtrates and others from acting in the further Diſcovery of the Plot and Conſpiſpiracy aforeſaid, for which ſaid Murder *Robert Green*, *Girald* Clerk, *Henry Bury*, *Lawrence Hill*, *Dominick Kelley*, and *Fillibert Vernat*, afterwards, (to wit) in the Term of St. *Hillary*, in the thirtieth and one and thirtieth years of the reign of our ſaid Lord the now King, in the Court of our Lord the King, before the King himſelf, at *Weſtminſter*, in the County of *Middleſex*, by a certain Jury of the ſame County of *Middleſex*, in due form of Law were Indicted, to which ſaid Indictment afterwards, (to wit) the ſame Term, the aforeſaid *Robert Green*, *Henry Bury*, and *Lawrence Hill*, ſeverally did Plead that they were not guilty thereof, and thereof put themſelves upon the Countrey, and afterwards

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(to wit) the ſame Term of St. *Hilary*, in the ſame Court at *Weſtminſter* aforeſaid, for the ſaid Felony and Murther, by that Jury of the Countrey, in due form of Law were Tryed, and thereof lawfully Convicted and Attainted, as by the Record thereof in the ſame Court of our Lord the King, before the King himſelf at *Weſtminſter* aforeſaid remaining, more fully appeareth; and that for the high Treaſons, and traiterous Plots and Conſpiracies aforeſaid, *Edward Coleman* and *William Ireland*, *Thomas Pickering* and *John Grove*, and *Thomas White* alias *Whitebread*, *William Harcourt* alias *Harriſon*, *John Fenwick*, *John Gavan* and *Anthony Turner*, and *Richard Langhorn* Eſquire, being Papiſts, and profeſſing the Romiſh Superſtition, before the ſaid thirteenth day of *January*, in the two and thirtieth year aboveſaid, in due manner, and according to the form of the Law of this Realm of *England*, were tryed, convicted & attainted, (to wit) the aforeſaid *Edw. Coleman* in the Term of St. *Michael*, in the 30th year of the Reign of our Lord the now King, in the Court of our Lord the King, before the King himſelf, (the ſame Court then, and yet being at *Weſtminſter* in the County of *Middleſex*) as by the Record and Proceſs thereof in the ſame Court remaining more fully appeareth: and the ſaid *William Ireland*, *Thomas Pickering*, and *John Grove*, at the Gaole-delivery of our Lord the King at *Newgate*, held for the ſaid County of *Middleſex*, at the *Juſtice-Hall* in the *Old Baily*, in the Suburbs of the ſaid City of *London*, in the Month of *December*, in the thirtieth year aboveſaid, as by the Record and Proceſs thereof, in the Cuſtody of the *Cuſtos Rotulorum* of the ſaid County of *Middl.* remaining more fully appeareth: and the ſaid *Thomas White* al. *Whitebread*, *John Fenwick*, *William Harcourt*, *dem Termino Sanct.* Hillarii *in eadem Cur. apud* Weſtm. *predict. prædict. Felonia & Murdro per Juram. prædict. ill. debita juris forma triati fuerunt, & inde legitimè convicti & attincti prout per Record. inde in eadem Curiam Dom. Regis coram ipſo Rege apud* Weſtminſt. *prædict. reſidend. plenius apparet. Quodque pro altis proditionibus & proditoriis, conſpirationibus & conjurationibus prædict. quidam* Edvardus Coleman & Willielmus Ireland, Thomas Pickering, & Johannes Grove, *ac* Thomas White *alias* Whitebread, Willielmus Harcourt *alias* Harriſon, Johannes Fenwick, Johannes Gavan, & Antonius Turner, *ac* Richardus Langhorne *Arm. exiſten. Papiſtæ & Superſtition. Romanam profitentes ante predict. decimum tertium diem* Januarii, *Anno triceſimo ſecundo ſupradicto debito modo & ſecundum Legis hujus regni* Angliæ *formam, triat. convict. & attinct. fuer. (ſcil.) prædict.* Edvardus Coleman *Termino Sanct.* Michaelis *Anno regni Dom. Regis nunc Triceſimo, in Cur. Dom. Regis coram ipſo Rege (eadem Cur. apud* Weſtm. *in Com.* Middl. *adtunc & adhuc exiſten.) prout per Recordum & proceſſum inde in eadem Cur. reſiden. plenius apparet: ac prædict.* Willielmus Ireland, Thomas Pickering & Johannes Grove, *ad deliberation. Gaole Dom. Regis de* Newgate, *tenend. pro dicto Com.* Midd. *apud* Juſtice-Hall *in le* Old Bailey *in Suburbiis dictæ Civitatis* London. *in menſe* Decembris, *Anno triceſimo ſupradicto, prout per Recordum & proceſſum inde in cuſtod.* Cuſtodis Rotulorum *dict. Com.* Midd. *reman. plenius apparet: ac predict.* Thomas White *alias* Whitebread, Johannes Fenwick, Willielmus

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Harcourt *alias* Harrison, Johannes Gavan, & Antonius Turner *ad deliberationem Goale Dom. Regis de* Newgate *tent. per adjornament pro Com.* Midd. *pred. apud pred. Justicehal in le* Old Bailey *in Suburbis Civitatis* London, *die* Veneris *decimo tertio die* Junii, *Anno regni dic. Dom. Regis nunc tricessimo primo pro it per Recordum & processum inde in custodia dic. Custodis rotul. ejusdem Com.* Midd. *remanent. plenius apparet & pred.* Rich. Langhorne *ad deliberationem Goale dic. Regis de* Newgate *tent. per adjornament pro die. Civit.* London *apud Justicehall in le* Old Bailey *in Parochia St.* Sepulchri *in Warda de* Farringdon *extra* London *die Sabbati decimo quarto die* Junii, *Anno Tricessimo primo super dic. pro it per Record. & proc. inde in custod. Custodis rotul. dic. Civitat.* London *remanend. plenius apparet*) *Quodque* Willielmus *Comes* Powis, Willielmus *Vicecomes* Stafford, Henricus *Dom.* Arundel *de* Wardor, Willielmus *Dom.* Petre, & Johannes *Dom.* Bellasis, *Trecessimo die* Novembris *Anno regni dic. Dom. Regis nunc Tricessimo super dic. apud.* Westmin. *pred. in pred. Com.* Midd. *de aliis proditionibus & proditoris conspirationib. & conjurationibus pred. legitime accusati & super inde Prisone Dom. Regis, scil.* Turri London *Comiss. fuer ibidem salvo custodiend. ac in custodia sic exist. end. iidem* Willielmus *Comes* Powis, Williel. *Vicecomes* Stafford, Henricus *Dom.* Arundel *de* Wardor, Willielmus *Dom.* Petre, & Johannes *Dom.* Bellasis *ad Parliamen dic. Dom.*

Hartcourt alias *Harrison*, *Johan Gavan*, and *Anthony Turner* at the Goal delivery of our Lord the King, of *Newgate*, held by adjournment for the County of *Middlesex* aforesaid, at the aforesaid Justice Hall in the *Old Baily*, in the Suburbs of the City of *London*, on *Friday* the thirteenth day of *June* in the one and thirtieth year of the Reign of our said Lord, the now King as (by the Record and Process thereof in the Custody of the said *Custos Rotulorum* of the same County of *Middlesex* remaining more fully appeareth, and the said *Richard Langhorn* at the Goal delivery of our Lord the King, of *Newgate*, held by adjournment for the said City of *London*, at Justice Hall in the *Old Baily* in the Parish of St. *Sepulchre's* in the Ward of *Farringdon* without *London*, on *Saturday* the fourteenth day of *June* in the one and thirtieth year aforesaid, as by the Record and process thereof in the Custody of the *Custos Rotulorum* of the said City of *London*, remaining more fully appeareth. And that *William* Earl of *Powis*, *William* Viscount *Stafford*, *Henry* Lord *Arundel* of *Wardor*, *William* Lord *Petre*, and *John* Lord *Bellasis*, the thirtieth day of *November*, in the thirtieth year of the Reign of our said Lord the now King, aboveſaid, at *Westminster* aforesaid in the said County of *Middlesex*, of the High Treasons, and Traiterous Plots, and Conspiracies aforesaid, were lawfully accused, and thereupon to the Prison of our Lord the King (to wit) to the *Tower* of *London*, were committed there safely to be kept, and being so in Custody, the said *William* Earl of *Powis*, *William* Viscount *Stafford*, *Henry* Lord *Arundel* of *Wardor*, *Will.* Lord *Petre*, and *John* Lord *Bellasis* at the Parliament of our said Lord

the now King held at *Westminster* aforesaid the sixth day of *March* in the one and thirtieth year of his Reign by the Commons of this Realm of *England* in the same Parliament Assembled before the Nobles and Peers of the same Realm in that Parliament called together and Assembled; for that for many years then last past, there was contrived and carried on by the Papists a Traiterous and execrable Conspiracy and Plot within this Kingdom of *England* and other places, to alter, change, and subvert the Ancient Government and Laws of this Kingdom and Nation, and to suppress the true Religion therein established, and to extirpate and destroy the Professors thereof. Which said Plot and Conspiracy was contrived and carried on in divers places, and by several ways and means, and by a great number of persons of several qualities and degrees who acted therein and intended thereby to excite and accomplish the aforesaid wicked and Traiterous designes and purposes. And that *William* Earl of *Powis*, *William* Viscount *Stafford*, *Henry* Lord *Arundel* of *Wardor*, *William* Lord *Petre*, and *John* Lord *Bellasis*, together with *Philip Howard*, commonly called Cardinal of *Norfolk*, *Thomas White* alias *Whitebread*, commonly called Provinical of the Jesuits in *England*, *Richard Strange* lately called Provincial of the Jesuits in *England*, *Vincent*, commonly called Provincial of the Dominicans in *England*, *James Corker* commonly called President of the Benedictines, Sir *John Warner* alias *Clare* Baronet, *William Harcourt*, *John Keins*, *Nicholas Blundel*, *Poel*, *Edward Mico*, *Thomas Bedingfeild* alias *Benefield*, *Basil Langworth*, *Charles Peters*, *Richard*

Regis nunc apud Westm. *prad. sexto die Martij Anno regni sui trigesimo primo tent. per Communes hujus regni* Anglie *in eodem Parliamento assemblat coram Magnatib. & proceris eiusdem regni in Parliamento illo convocat. & convent. de eo quod per multos Annos tunc ult preterit. proditoria & execrabilis conspiratio & conjuratio infra hoc regnum* Anglie *& alibi machinat. & prosecut. fuit per Papistas ad subvertend. mutand. & subvertend. antiquam gubernationem & Leges hujus regni & nationis & ad suppriment. veram Religionem in eisdem stabilit. & ad extirpand. & distruend. Professores inde que quidem conspiratio & conjuratio machinat. & prosecut. fuisset in diversis Locis & per several. vias & media & per magnum numerum personar. several qualitatum & gradium que agebant in eisdem & intendebant per inde ad exequend. & consummand. prad. scelerat. & proditorias machinationes & proposita. Quodquidem* Willielmus *Comes* Powis, Willielmus *Vicecomes* Stafford, Henricus *Dom.* Arundel *de* Wardor, Willielmus *Dom.* Petre, & Johannes *Dom.* Bellasis, *simul cum* Phil. Howard *com' voc. Cardinal de* Norff. Thoma White alias Whitebread *com' voc. Provincial. Jesuitar. in* Anglia, Rich. Strange *nuper voc. Provincial. Jesuitar. in* Anglia, Vincent, *com' voc Provincial. Dominicor. in* Anglia, Jacobo Corker, *com' voc. President Benedictinor.* Johanne Warner *alias* Clare *Baronetto*, Williel. Harcourt, Johanne Keins, Nicho. Blundel, Pool, Edvar. Mico, Thoma Bedinfield *alias* Benefield, Basil. Langworth, Carolo Peters, Rich. Peters, Joan.

Conyers,

Conyers, *dom.* Georgio Wakeman, Anglice, *Sir* George Wakeman, Thoma Fenwick, Dominick Kelly, Fitz-Gerrald, Evers, *Dom.* Thoma Preſton Anglice *Sir* Thomas Preſton, Willielmo Lovel *Jeſuitis*, *Dom.* Baltemore, Johannes Carrel, Johannes Townely, Rich. Laughorne, Willielmo Fogarty, Thoma Penny, Matthæo Medbourne, Edvard. Coleman, Willielmo Ireland, Johanne Grove, Thoma Pickering, Johanne Smith, *& diverſis aliis Jeſuitis ſacerdotib. ſtatrib.* Anglice *Fryers & aliis perſonis in falſe proditores Dom. Regi nunc & huic regno infra Tempus ult. prædict. proditorie conſuluiſſent machinat. fuiſſent & egiſſent ad & pro conſummatione dict. improbar. perditioſar. & proditoriar. machinationum, & ea de cauſe nequiſſime & proditorie agreaſſent conſpiraſſent & determinaſſent imprisonare deponere & murdrare ſacram Majeſtatem Dom. Regis nunc & ipſum de regali ſtatu corona & dignitate ſuis de privare & per malicioſam & adviſat. Locutionem Scriptionem & alit. declaraſſent tal. ſua propoſita & intentiones ac etiam hoc regnum & nationem Pape & tyrannice ſue Gubernacioni ſubjicere & ſtatus & hereditates Proteſtant. ſubditi. Dom. Regis ſeizere. & int. ſeſe partiri ac erige. & reſtituere Abbatias, Monaſteria & al. Convent. & Societates que dudum per Leges hujus regni pro ſuperſtitione. & Idololatria ſuis ſuppreſſ. fuiſſent & eis tradere & reſtituere terras & poſſeſſiones in Dom. Rege nunc & ſubditis ſuis per leges & Statuta hujus regni veſtit ac etiam nova Monaſteria & Conventus fundare & erige & omnes Proteſtant. Epiſcopos. & al. perſonas Eccleſiaſticas ab officiis bene-*

Peters, in *John Conyers*, Sir *George Wakeman*, *Thomas Fenwick*, *Dominick Kelly*, *Fitz-Gerald Evers*, Sir *Thomas Preſton*, *William Lovel* Jeſuits, Lord *Baltemore*, *John Carrel*, *John Townely*, *Richard Laughorne*, *William Fogarty*, *Thomas Penny*, *Matthew Medbourne*, *Edward Coleman*, *William Ireland*, *John Grove*, *Thomas Pickering*, *John Smith*, and divers other Jeſuits, Prieſts, Fryers, and other perſons, as falſe Traytors to our Lord the now King, and this Kingdom within the time aforeſaid had Traiterouſly conſulted, contrived, and acted to and for the accompliſhing of the ſaid wicked, pernicious, and Trayterous deſignes, and for that end had moſt wickedly and Trayterouſly agreed, conſpired and reſolved to Impriſon, depoſe, and Murder his Sacred Majeſty, and to deprive him of his Royal State, Crown, and Dignity, and by malicious and adviſed ſpeaking, writing, and otherwiſe declared ſuch their purpoſes and intentions. And alſo to ſubject this Kingdom and Nation to the Pope, and to his Tyrannical Government, and to ſeize and ſhare amongſt themſelves the Eſtates and Inheritances of his Majeſties Proteſtant Subjects. And to erect and reſtore Abbies, Monaſteries, and other Convents and Societies, which have been long ſince by the Laws of this Kingdom ſuppreſſed for their Superſtition and Idolatry, and to deliver up and reſtore to them the Lands and Poſſeſſions now veſted in our now Lord the King and his Subjects, by the Laws and Statutes of this Realm, and alſo to found and erect new Monaſteries and Convents, and to remove and deprive all Proteſtant Biſhops and other Eccleſiaſtical perſons from their Offices, Benefices

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and Preferments, and by this means to deſtroy his Majeſties perſon, extirpate the Proteſtant Religion, overthwart the Rights, Liberties, and Properties of all his Majeſties good Subjects, ſubvert the lawful Government of this Kingdom and ſubject the ſame to the Tyranny of the See of *Rome*. And that the ſaid Conſpirators, and their Complices, and Confederates, Traiterouſly had and held ſeveral Meetings, Aſſemblies, and Conſultations, wherein it was contrived and deſigned among them, what means ſhould be uſed and what perſons and Inſtruments ſhould be employed to Murder his Majeſty. And did then and there reſolve to effect it by Poyſoning, Shooting, Stabbing, or ſome ſuch like way and means, and offered rewards and promiſes of advantage to ſeveral perſons to Execute the ſame, and hired and imployed ſeveral wicked perſons to go to *Windſor*, and other places where our Lord the King did reſide, to Murther and Deſtroy his Majeſty, which ſaid perſons or ſome of them accepted ſuch rewards, and undertook the perpetrating thereof, and did actually go to the ſaid places for that end and purpoſe. And that the ſaid Conſpirators the better to compaſs their Traiterous deſigns, had conſulted to raiſe, and had procured and raiſed Men, Money, Horſes, Arms, and Ammunition, and alſo had made application to, and treated and correſponded with the Pope, his Cardinals, Nuncioes, and Agents, and with other Foreign Miniſters, and perſons to raiſe and obtain ſupplies of Men, Money, Arms, and Ammunition, therewith to make, levy and raiſe War, Rebellion, and Tumults, within this Kingdom, and to invade the ſame with Foreign forces, and to ſurprize, ſeize, and deſtroy his

ſiciis & promotionib. ſuis amovere et deprivare et quomodo perſonam dom. Regis num diſtruere proteſtantem Religionem extirpare jura libertates & proprietates omnium probor. ſubditor. Dom. Regis evertere Legalem gubernationem hujus regni ſubvertere & idem Tyrannidi ſedis Romane ſubjicere. Quodque dic. Conſpiratores & eorum participes & Confederatores proditorie habuiſſent & tenuiſſent ſepatales conventiones aſſemblationes & conſultationes in quibus inter eos machinat. & deſignat. fuiſſent que media utentur & que perſone & Inſtrumenta imploi forent ad Dom. Regem num murderand. & ad tunc & ibidem determinaſſent id effecre per veneſic' diſploſionem Anglice Shooting *perforationem Anglice* Stabbing, *vel aliqua tal. vias & media & obtuliſſent munera & pecuniſſiones de advantag. ſeperalib. perſonis ad idem exequend. ac conduxiſſent & impendiſſent ſeperales improbas perſonas ire ad* Windſor *& alia Loca ubi Dom. Rex reſidebat ad ipſum Dom. Regem murderand, & diſtruend. que quidem perſone ſeu earum aliqu' talia munera acceptaſſent & perpetrationem inde ſuſcepiſſent & actualit. ad dic. Loca intentione & propoſito ill' iviſſent. Quodque dic. Conſpiratores ad melius per implend. proditorias ſuas machinationes conſulniſſent ad Levand. ac procuraſſent & Levaſſent homines monetam equos arma & ammunitionem ac etiam applicationem feciſſent ad & tractaſſent & correſpendiſſent cum Papa, ejus Cardinalib. Nunciis, & Agentib. & aliis forinſecis Miniſtris & perſonis ad Levand. & obtinend. ſupplementa, Anglice* ſupplies *homin. monet. armor. & ammunitionis: cum eiſdem facere levare & excitare guerram rebellionem & tumultus infra hoc regn. & idem invadere cum virib. forinſecis & deprehendere Anglice* to ſuppriſe *ſeſire & diſtruere regie Majeſtatis claſſem Ang-*

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lice Navy *fortalitia Angl'* Forts *armamenta-ria Anglice* Magazines *et Loca fortia, Angl'* places of ſtrength *infra hoc regn. ſuper quo calamitates guerre murdra innocens ſubditor' viror' mulier et Liberor' conſtaraciones rapine devaſtationes et al' tremend' miſerie et exitia inevitabil. inſequerentur in ruinam et deſtructionem hujus nationis et quod dic. conſpiratores procuraſſent et acceptaſſent ac deliberaſſent ſeperal' inſtrumenta Commiſſiones et proteſtates per et ſubt Papam vel al' illicitam et uſurpat authoritatem ad levand' et diſponend' homines monetam, arma et al' neceſſaria pro eor' ſceleratis et proditoris machinationib. ac nominatim Commiſſionem pro dic.* Henrico *Dom.* Arundel *de* Wardor *fore Dom. Cancellar. Anglie, aliam Commiſſion' dic.* Williel-m' *Comit.* Powis *fore Dom. Theſaurarium Anglie, aliam Commiſſion' dic.* Johanne *Dom* Bellaſis *fore ducem General. Anglice, General Exercitus levand' al' Commiſſionem dic'* Willielmus *Dom.* Petre *fore locum tenen' ducis* General *Anglice* Lievtenant General *dic' exercitus et poteſtatem Anglice*, a power, *pro dic.* Willelmus *Vicecomite* Stafford *fore Expenditorem Anglice* Paymaſter *exercitus illius. Quodque in ordine ad animand. ſeipſos in proſecutione dictar' ſceleratar' conjurationum conſpiration' et prodition' et ad celand' et impediend' detectionem earundem et ſeipſos a Juſticia et punitione ſecurand' Conſpiratores præd' participes et Confederatores ſui uſi fuiſſent multis impiis et diabolicis praxib. videlt. cauſaſſent ſacerdotes ſuos adminiſtrare dic' Conſpiratorib. juramentum taciturnitatis Anglice* of ſecrecy, *una cum ecr' ſacramento ac etiam cauſaſſent dic' Sacerdotes ſuos ſuper Confeſſionib. dare abſolutiones ſuas*

Majeſties Navy, Forts, Magazines and places of Strength within this Kingdom, whereupon the Calamities of War, Murders of innocent Subjects, Men, Women and Children, burnings, rapines, devaſtations, and other dreeadful miſeries and miſchiefs muſt have inevitably enſued to the ruine and deſtruction of this Nation. And that the ſaid Conſpirators had procured and accepted and delivered out ſeveral inſtruments, Commiſſions, and Powers made and granted by or under the Pope or other unlawful and uſurped Authority to raiſe and diſpoſe of Men, Monies, Armes, and other things neceſſary for their wicked and Trayterous deſignes; and namely a Commiſſion for the ſaid *Henry* Lord *Arundel* of *Wardor*, to be Lord Chancellour of *England*, another Commiſſion to the ſaid *William* Earl of *Powis* to be Lord Treaſurer of *England*, another Commiſſion to the ſaid *John* Lord *Bellaſis* to be General of the Army to be raiſed, another Commiſſion to the ſaid *William* Lord *Petre* to be Lieutenant General of the ſaid Army, and a Power for the ſaid *William* Viſcount *Stafford* to be Pay-Maſter of the Army: And that in order to encourage themſelves in proſecuting their ſaid wicked Plots, Conſpiracies and Treaſons, and to hide and hinder the diſcovery of the ſame, and to ſecure themſelves from Juſtice and puniſhment, the Conſpirators aforeſaid, their Complices and Confederates had uſed many wicked and diabolical practiſes (to wit) they had cauſed their Prieſts to adminiſter to the ſaid Conſpiratours an Oath of ſecrecy, together with their Sacrament and alſo had cauſed their ſaid Prieſts upon Confeſſions to give their abſolutions

upon condition that they should conceal the said Conspiracy: And when about the month of *September* then last past Sir *Edmundbury Godfrey* a Justice of the Peace, had according to the Duty of his Oath and Office taken several examinations and informations concerning the said Conspiracy and Plot, the said Conspirators or some of them, by advice, assent, Counsel, and instigation of the rest, did incite and procure divers persons to lie in wait and pursue the said Sir *Edmondbury Godfrey* divers days, with intent to murder him, which at last was perpetrated and effected by them (for which said horrid Crimes and Offences, *Robert Green*, *Henry Berry*, and *Lawrence Hill*, had since been attainted, and *Domonick Kelly*, and *Gerald*, and others were fled for the same) after which Murder, and before the body was found, or the Murther known to any but the complices therein, the said persons falsly gave out, that he was alive and privately married, and after the body found, dispersed a false and malicious Report, that he had Murdered himself. Which said Murther was committed with design to stifle and suppress the Evidence he had taken, and had knowledge of, and discourage and deter Magistrates and others, from acting in further discovery of the Conspiracy and Plot, for which end also the said Sir *Edmondbury Godfrey*, while he was alive, was by them their complices and favourers threatned and discouraged (in his proceedings about the same) And that of their further malice they had wickedly contrived by many false suggestions to lay the imputation and guilt of the aforesaid horrid and detestable Crimes upon the Protestants, that (so thereby they

sub conditione quod ipsi concelarent dic' Conspirationem ac cum circa mensem. Septembris *tunc ult' preterit' Dom.* Edmundburry Godfrey *miles Justic. pacis secundum' juramenti & Officii sui debit' cepisset seperal. examinationes & informationes concern' prefat' conspirationem & conjurationem dic' conspiratores seu eor' aliqui per advisamentum assensum consil' & instigationem resid' eor' incitassent & procurassent diversas personas in insidiis jacere & insequer. prefat'* Edmundbury Godfrey *diversis Dieb. ea intentione ad ipsum murdrand' quod postea per eos perpetrat' & effectum fuit (pro quib. præd' horridis criminib' & offensis* Robertus Green, Henricus Berry, & Laurentius Hill, *postea attincti fuissent, ac* Dominick Kelly, & Girald, *& alii fugam fecissent per eisdem) post quod quidem murdrum & antequam cadaver invent' fuit vel murdrum cognitum aliquibus nisi Participibus in eodem dic. person' false retuler' quod vivus fuit & privatim maritat' & postquam cadaver invent' fuit disperser' falsam' & malitiosam relationem quod ipse seipsum murdrasset. Quod quidem murdrum commissum fuit ea intentione ad celand' & supprimend' evidentiam quam ipse cepisset ac de qua notitiam habuit & ad intimidand' & deterrend' Magistrat. & alios ab agendo in ulteriori detectione conspirationis & conjurationis præd' ea enim intentione dic.* Edmundbury Godfrey *dum vivus fuit per eos ac participes & fautores suos minatus & deterritus fuit in ejus prosecutione inde quodque de eor' ulteriori malicia scelerate machinati fuissent per quam plurimas suggestiones impon' imputationem & culpam præd' horridor' & detestabil' criminum super protestantes ita quod*

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perinde ipsimet cuidam penitiores quas juste merissent, & exponerent Protestantes scandala magno & eorum subjicerent prosecutioni & oppressioni in omnibus regnis & patriis ubi Romana Religio recepta & professa fuit quodque omnia illa proditiones crimina & offense prementionat' fuer' machinat' commiss' perpetrat' acta & facta per prad' Willielm' Comitem Powis, Willielmum Vicecomitem Stafford, Willielmus Dom' Petre, Henricum Dom' Arundel de Wardor & Johannem Dom' Bellasis ac alios conspiratores pred' contra Dom' Regem nunc coronam & dignitat' suas ac contra Leges & Statuta hujus regni secund' Legem & consuetudinem Parliament' impetiti fuit' acinde debite onerat' & in Prisona pred' ea occasione detent' per Record' & process' inde int' record' Parliament' remanend' plenius apparet Et eidem Major & Communal' ac cives Civitat' London ulterius dicunt quod in Session' pred' Parliamenti dic' Dom' Regis nunc apud Westmin' pred' per prorogation' tenet' super pred' vicesimum primum diem Octobris, Anno regni dic' Dom' Regis nunc Tricesimo secunda super dic' ir replicationa pred' mentionat' ad inchoation' eiusdem Session' Dom' Rex nunc ex maxima regali cura & sedulitate sua pro preservatione religionis protestant' & subditor' suar' a periculis per papisticas conspirationes eis imminen' per eius graciosam oration' ambab'

might escape the punishments which they had justly deserved and expose the Protestants to great scandal and subject them to Persecution and oppression in all Kingdoms and Countrys, where the Romish Religion was received and professed. And that all those Treasons, Crimes and Offences abovementioned, were contrived, committed, perpetrated, acted, and done, by the said *William* Earl of *Powis*, *William* Viscount *Stafford*, *William* Lord *Petre*, *Henry* Lord *Arundel* of *Wardor*, and *John* Lord *Bellasis*, and other the Conspirators aforesaid, against our Soveraign Lord the King, his Crown and Dignity, and against the Laws and Statutes of this Kingdom) according to the Law and Custom of Parliament were impeached, and therewith duly charged, and in Prison for that reason were detained, as by the Record and process thereof, remaining among the Records of Parliament more fully appeareth. And the same Major and Commonalty, and Citizens of the City of *London*, further say, that in the Session of the aforesaid Parliament of our said Lord the now King held by Prorogation at *Westminster* aforesaid, upon the aforesaid one and twentieth day of *October*, in the two and thirtieth year of the Reign of our said Lord the now King abovesaid, in the replication aforesaid mentioned at the beginning of the same Session our Lord the now King out of his most Princely great care and earnestness for the preservation of the Protestant Religion and his Subjects from the eminent dangers of Popish Conspiracies by his gracious Speech to both Hou-

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ses of the same Parliament, then and there made and spoken, amongst other things did recommend to the Lords and Commons in that Parliament assembled to pursue the further examination of the Plot aforesaid, with a strict and impartial enquiry, and to them he then said that he thought not himself nor them safe until that matter were gone through with. And therefore that it was necessary, that the said Lords in the prison of the *Tower* of *London* should be brought to their speedy Tryal, that Justice might be done. And the same Major, and Commonalty, and Citizens of the City of *London*, further say, that afterwards in the same Session of Parliament, both Houses of that Parliament in prosecution of the said directions of our Lord the King did make a strict and impartial enquiry concerning the said Plot, and upon that enquiry did declare that there had been an horrible Plot and Conspiracy by the Papists against the person of our said Lord the now King, and his Government, which did then continue; And the Commons in the same Parliament assembled further declared, that that Plot and Conspiracy was supported and carried on by potent and restless practices and Machinations; especially during the late recesses of Parliament, and afterwards in the same Session of Parliament, the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons in the same Parliament assembled at *Westminster* aforesaid did make and exhibit to our same Lord the King, their

domibus eiusdem Parliamenti ad tunc & ibidem fact & allocut inter alias recommendavit Dom. et Commun in Parliamento illo assemblat ad prosequend ultiorem examinationem Conspiration prædicta cum stricta & impartiali inquisitione, et eis tunc dixit quod ipse non putavit seipsum neque ipsos secur quousque materia illa plenarie perageretur. Ac ideo quod necessar foret quod prædi Dom. in præd prisona Turris London *ad celerem triation suam adducentur quod justicia fieret. Et idem* Major *et Commonal ac Cives Civitat.* London *ulterius dicunt quod postea in eadem Session Parliamenti utraque domus Parliamenti illius in proscution dic direction Dom. Regis strictam et impartialem inquisition de præd. conspiratione fecer et super inquisition ill declaraver quod fuisset horribilis Conspiratio et conjuratio per papistas contra personam dic. Dom. Regis et Gubernation suam que tunc continuabant; ac Common in eodem Parliamento assemblat ulterius declaraverunt quod Conspiratio et Conjuratio ill supportat et prosecut fuissent per poten et irrequiet molimina et machinationes presertim duran tunc nuperis recessib. Parliamenti et postea in eadem Sessione* Parliamenti *Dom. Sprituales et Temporales ac Communes in eodem* Parliamento *assemblat eorum*

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humilem Supplicationem Anglice Addreſs *eidem Domino Regi apud* Weſtm' *præd' fecer' & exhibuer' in forma ſequen' videl' Quod ipſi Subditi Regie ſue Majeſtatis obſequentiſſimi & fideliſſimi Dom' Spirituales & Temporales ac Communes in tunc præſenti Parliamento illo aſſemblat' profunde ſenſibiles exiſten' de triſti & calamitoſa conditione hujus Regni precipue per impias & horrendas Conſpirationes Papalis Factionis cauſat' que non ſolum deſtructionem Regalis Perſone Regie ſue Majeſtatis verumetiam totalem ſubverſionem Gubernat' & vere Religion' in hoc Regno* Anglie *ſtabilit' conſpiraviſſet & intendiſſet ac invenien eaſdem deteſtabiles machinationes adtunc obſtinate per eandem Factionem proſecut' tam fovendo diviſiones int' Majeſtatis ſue fideles Subdit' Proteſtan' quam per omnes al' nequiſſimas machinationes non obſtan' quamplurimis detectionibus inde (magna Dei miſericordia & mirabili providentia) tunc nuper in lucem prolat' que omnia tremenda judicia tunc fuer' ſuper hoc Regnum impenden' pro pluribus & gravibus ſuis peccatis quam meritiſſime ac alit' humana ratione evitari nequibant quam per benediction' Dei particularem ſuper conſultationes & conamina magni Concilii ipſius Dom' Regis tunc in Parliamento aſſemblat' in omni humilitate Regie ſue Majeſtati ſupplicaver' quod per Proclamation' ſuam Regalem dies ſolempnit' foret dedicat' in quo tam ipſi quam omnes ipſius Dom' Regis Subdit' per jejun' & preces Deo omnipotenti reconciliationem conarentur Ac cum cordibus humilibus & penitentibus eum implorarent per ejus potentiam & bonitatem ad judicia ill' divertend' & ad impia conſilia & machinationes inimicorum ſuorum fruſtrand' ad corda*

humble Addreſs in form following, (to wit) That they His Majeſties moſt Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons in that preſent Parliament aſſembled, being deeply ſenſible of the ſad and calamitous Condition of this Realm, occaſioned chiefly by the impious and horrid Conſpiracies of a Popiſh Party, who have not only plotted and intended the Deſtruction of His Majeſties Royal Perſon, but the total Subverſion of the Government and true Religion in this Kingdom of *England* eſtabliſhed; and finding the ſame deteſtable Machinations ſtill obſtinately proſecuted by them, as well by fomenting Diviſions amongſt His Majeſties Loyal Proteſtant Subjects, as all other the moſt wicked Contrivances, notwithſtanding the many Diſcoveries thereof by Gods great Mercy and wonderful Providence then lately brought to light: all which dreadful Judgments then were impending over this Realm, for their many and grievous Sins; moſt deſervedly, and could not otherwiſe in Humane Reaſon be prevented, but by the particular Bleſſing of God upon the Conſultations and Endeavours of the Great Council of Him our Lord the King, then in Parliament aſſembled, did in all Humility beſeech His Majeſty, that by His Royal Proclamation a Day might be ſolemnly ſet apart wherein both they themſelves, and all His Majeſties Loyal Subjects, might by Faſting and Prayer endeavour a Reconciliation with Almighty God, and with humble and penitent Hearts implore him by his Power and Goodneſs to divert theſe Judgments, and defeat the wicked Counſels and Devices of their Enemies, to unite the Hearts

of the Loyal Proteſtant Subjects of our ſaid Lord the King, and to continue his Mercy and the Light of his Goſpel to our ſaid Lord the King, and His ſaid Subjects, and their Poſterities, and more eſpecially to beſtow his abundant Bleſſings on His Sacred Majeſty, and the then preſent Parliament, that their Conſultations and Endeavours might produce Honour, Safety, and Proſperity to His Majeſty and His People. And thereupon our ſaid Lord the now King, during the ſaid Seſſion of Parliament, (to wit) on the ſecond day of *December*, in the aboveſaid Two and thirtieth Year of His Reign, by His Royal Proclamation under His Great Seal of *England*, bearing date at *Weſtminſter* the ſame Day and Year, reciting, That whereas the Lords Spiritual and Temporal and Commons in that Parliament aſſembled, by their Addreſs to Him our ſaid Lord the King, had made known unto Him, that they were deeply ſenſible of the ſad and calamitous Condition of this Kingdom, occaſioned by the impious and horrid Conſpiracies of a Popiſh Party, who had not only plotted and intended the Deſtruction of his Royal Perſon, but the total Subverſion of the Government and true Religion eſtabliſhed amongſt the King Himſelf and His Subjects; And that the ſame deteſtable Machinations were then obſtinately proſecuted by them, as well by fomenting Diviſions amongſt His Loyal Proteſtant Subjects, as all other the moſt wicked Contrivances, notwithſtanding the many Diſcoveries thereof by Gods great Mercy and wonderful Providence lately brought to light; All which dreadful Judgments were then impending over Him the ſame our Lord the King, and His *fidelium Proteſtan' Subdit' dict' Dom' Regis uniend' & ad miſericordiam ſuam & Evangelii ſui lumen eidem Domino Regi & dictis Subdit' ſuis & eor' Poſteritat' continuand' ac precipue ad abundantes benedictiones ſuas ſuper ſacram Majeſtatem ipſius Dom' Regis & tunc preſen' Parliament' impendend' quod conſultationes & conamina eor' honorem incolumitatem & proſperitatem Regie ſue Majeſtati ac Populo ſuo' producerent & ſuperinde dictus Dominus Rex nunc duran' dicta Seſſione Parliamenti ſcilicet ſecundo die* Decembris *Ano Regni ſui triceſimo ſecundo ſupradicto per Proclamationem ſuam regalem ſub Magno Sigillo ſuo* Anglie *Sigillat' geren' Dat' apud* Weſtm' *eiſdem die & anno recitando quod cum Dom' Spirituales & Temporales ac Communes in Parliamento illo aſſemblat' per eor' Supplication' Anglice* Addreſs *eidem Domino Regi exhibit' notum ei feciſſent quod ipſi profunde ſenſibiles fuer' de triſti & calamitoſa conditione hujus Regni per impias & horrendas Conſpirationes Papalis Factionis cauſat' que non ſolum deſtructionem Regalis Perſone Regie ſue Majeſtatis verumetiam total' ſubverſionem Gubernat' & vere Religionis apud ipſum Regem & Subditos ſuos ſtabilit' conſpiraviſſet & intendiſſet quodque eedem deteſtabiles machinationes adtunc obſtinate per eandem Factionem proſecut' fuer' tam fovendo diviſiones int' ejus fideles Subdit' Proteſtan' quam per omnes al' nequiſſimas machinationes non obſtan' quamplurimis detectionibus inde (magna Dei miſericordia & mirabili providentia) tunc nuper in lucem prolat' que omnia tremenda judicia tunc fuer' ſuper eundem Dominum Regem &*

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ſaid Subjects, for their many and grievous Sins, moſt deſervedly, and could not otherwiſe in Humane Reaſon be prevented but by the particular Bleſſing of God upon the Conſultations and Endeavours of His the ſaid King's Great Council then in Parliament aſſembled; did moſt humbly beſeech Him the ſame King, that a Day might moſt ſolemnly be ſet apart, wherein the King Himſelf, and all His Loyal Subjects, might by Faſting and Prayer endeavour a Reconciliation with Almighty God, and with humble and penitent Hearts implore him by his Power and Goodneſs to divert thoſe Judgments, and defeat the wicked Counſels and Devices of the Enemies of Him our Lord the King and His ſaid Subjects, to unite the Hearts of our ſaid Lord the King's Loyal Proteſtant Subjects, and to continue his Mercy and the Light of his Goſpel to our ſaid Lord the King, and His ſaid Subjects, and their Poſterities; and more eſpecially to beſtow his abundant Bleſſings upon Him our Lord the King, and the then preſent Parliament, that their Conſultations and Endeavours might produce Honour, Safety, and Proſperity to our ſaid Lord the King, and to His People: The ſame our Lord the King to that their humble Requeſt moſt readily inclined, and did by that His Royal Proclamation command a General and Publick Faſt to be kept throughout this whole Kingdom, in ſuch manner as after by the ſame Proclamation was directed and preſcribed, that ſo both our ſame Lord the King and his People might ſend up their Prayers and Supplications to Almighty God to and for the Purpoſes aforeſaid. And to the end that ſo Religious an Exerciſe might be performed at

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one and the ſame time, our ſaid Lord the King, by that Proclamation, did publiſh and delare to all his Loving Subjects, and did ſtraitly charge and command, That on *Wedneſday* being the Two and twentieth day of *December* then Inſtant that Faſt ſhould be Religiouſly kept and celebrated throughout His Kingdom of *England*, Dominion of *Wales*, and Town of *Berwick upon Tweed*. And that the ſame might be performed with all Decency and Uniformity, the ſame our Lord the King, by the Advice of His Reverend Biſhops, did direct to be Compoſed, Printed, and Publiſhed ſuch a Form of Divine Service as he thought fit to be uſed in all Churches and Places at the Time aforeſaid, and did give in Charge to His Biſhops to diſperſe the ſame accordingly. All which our ſaid Lord the King, by His Proclamation aforeſaid, did expreſly charge and command ſhould be reverently and decently obſerved by all his Loving Subjects, as they tendred the Favour of Almighty God, and would avoid His Wrath and Indignation againſt this Land, and upon pain of undergoing ſuch Puniſhments as our ſaid Lord the King could juſtly inflict upon all ſuch as ſhould contemn or neglect ſo Religious a Duty; as by the Inrolment of the ſame Proclamation in the Court of *Chancery* of Him our Lord the King, remaining on Record, more fully appeareth. Which ſaid Day of Faſting, according to the form & effect of the Proclamation aforeſaid, was duely and ſolemnly obſerved and celebrated in and through this whole Realm of *England*, and eſpecially at *London* aforeſaid, in the Pariſh and Ward aforeſaid. And that in the ſame Seſſion of Parliament laſt mentioned, the Commons of this Realm in the ſame Parliament

& idem tempus performaretur dictus Dominus Rex per Proclamation' ill' publicavit & declaravit omnibus Subditis ſuis amantibus ac ſtricte precepit & mandavit quod die Mercurii *exiſten' viceſimo ſecundo die* Decembris *tunc inſtan' jejunium ill' religioſe obſervat' & celebrat' foret per Regnum ſuum* Anglie *Dominium* Wallie *& Villam* Berwici ſuper Twedam *& ut idem cum omni decentia & uniformitate performaretur idem Dominus Rex per adviſamentum reverend' Epiſcopor' ſuor' componi imprimi & publicari direxerat talem formam Divini Servicii qual' ipſe apt' uti cenſuerat in omnibus Eccleſiis & Locis ad tempus pred' & Epiſcopis ſuis dederat in mandatis ad ill' congruent' diſpergend' Que omnia idem Dominus Rex per Proclamationem ſuam pred' reverent' & decent' obſervari expreſſe precepit & mandavit per omnes Subdit' ſuos amantes ſicut favorem Dei omnipotentis reſpexer' ac iram & indignation' ejus contra hanc terram evitarent & ſub pena ſubeundi tales punitiones qual' dictus Dominus Rex juſte infligere poſſet ſuper omnes qui tam religioſum Officium contemnerent ſeu negligerent prout per irrotulament' ejuſdem Proclamationis in Cur'* Cancellar' *ipſius Dom' Regis de Recordo remanen' plenius apparet Qui quidem dies Jejunii ſecundum formam & effect' Proclamat' pred' debite & ſolempnit' obſervat' & celebrat' fuit in & per totum hoc Regnum* Anglie *ac precipue apud* London' *predict' in Parochia & Warda predict' Quodque in eadem Seſſione Parliamenti ult' mentionat' Communes hujus Regni in eodem Parliamento*

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aſſemblat. reſolution. pro tedere ad triationem predict. Dominor. in Priſona Turris London. *tunc exiſten. ſic ut prefertur impetit. & Statim incipere cum prefat. Vicecomite* Stafford *ac noticiam inde Dominis Parliamenti illius tunc deder. & eos requiſiver. ad convenien. diem pro triatione ejuſdem Vicecomitis* Stafford *appunctuand. & ſuperinde predict. Vicecomes* Stafford *de altis proditionibus & proditoriis conſpirationibus & conjurationibus predict. unde ipſe ut prefertur impetit. fuit per Dominos temporales in eodem Parliamento convent. ad proſecution. Commun. hujus Regni in Parliamento illo aſſemblat. in eadem Seſſione Parliamenti triat. convict. & debita juris forma attinct. fuit pro ut per Record & proceſſ inde inter Recorda Parliament. remanen. plenius apparet poſtea; in eadem Seſſione Parliamenti* Willielmus Scrogs *Miles tunc Capital Juſtic. Dicti Domini Regis ad placita coram ipſo Rege tenend aſſign. per Communes hujus Regni Anglie in eodem Parliamento aſſemblat. coram Magnatibus & proceribus ejuſdem Regni in Parliamento illo convocat. & convent. ſecundum Legem & conſuetudinem Parliamenti accuſat. & impetit. fuit. de alta proditione & aliis magnis criminibus & malegeſtiis inter alia quod ipſe dictus* Willielmus Scrogs *tunc exiſten. Capital Juſtic. Cur. Domini Regis coram ipſo Rege proditorie & nequit. conat. fuiſſet ſubvert. Leges fundamental. & ſtabilit. Religion. & gubernation. hujus Regni Anglie ac loco inde introducere Papiſtum Anglice* Popery *& Arbitrariam & Tyrannicam gubernationem contrà Legem quod ipſe declaraſſet per diverſa proditoria & improba verba opiniones judicia praxes & facta: Ac*

aſſembled made a reſolution to proceed to the Tryal of the ſaid Lords, then being in the Priſon of the *Tower* of *London* ſo as aforeſaid impeached, and forthwith to begin with the aforeſaid *Viſcount-Stafford*, & then gave noricethereof to the Lords of that Parliament, & requeſted them to apoint a convenient day for the Tryal of the ſaid *Viſcount-Stafford*. And thereupon the ſaid *Viſcount-Stafford* of the High Treaſons and Traiterous Plots and Conſpiracies aforeſaid, whereof he as aforeſaid was impeached, by the Lords Temporal in the ſame Parliament convened at the Proſecution of the Commons of this *Realm*, in that Parliament, Aſſembled in the ſame Seſſion of Parliament was tried, convicted, and in due form of Law attainted as by the Record and Proceſs thereof, remaining among the records of Parliament more fully appeareth. And afterwards in the ſame Seſſion of Parliament, Sir *William Scrogs* Knight then Chief Juſtice of our Lord the King aſſigned to hold Pleas before the King himſelf, by the Commons of this *Realm* of *England*, in the ſame Parliament Aſſembled before the Nobles and Peers of this *Realm* in that Parliament called together and Convened according to Law and Cuſtom of Parliament, was accuſed, and impeached of High Treaſon and other great Crimes, and Miſdemeanors amongſt other things, that he the ſaid Sir *William Scrogs*, and then being Chief Juſtice of the Court of *Kings-Bench*, had Traiterouſly and wickedly endeavoured to ſubvert the Fundamental Laws and the Eſtabliſht Religion, and Government of this Kingdom of *England*, and inſtead thereof to introduce Popery, and an Arbitrary and Tirannical Government, againſt Law, which he had declared by divers Traiterous and wicked Words, Opinions, Judgements, Practiſes and Actions, and

alſo that whereas there had been an Horrid Damnable Plot, continued and carried on by the Papiſts, for the Murthering the King, the Subvertion of the Laws and Government of this Kingdom and for the Deſtruction of the Proteſtant Religion in the ſame, all which the ſaid Sir *William Scrogs* well knew, having himſelf not only Tryed but given Judgment againſt ſeveral of the Offenders, nevertheleſs the ſaid Sir. *William Scrogs* did at divers times and places, as well ſitting in Court as otherwiſe, openly defame and ſcandalize ſeveral of the Witneſſes, who had proved the ſaid Treaſons againſt divers of the Conſpirators, and had given Evidence againſt divers other perſons, who were then untryed; and did endeavour to diſparage their Evidence, and take off their credit whereby as much as in him lay, he had Traiterouſly, and wickedly ſuppreſſed and ſtifled the diſcovery of the ſaid Popiſh-Plot, and encouraged the Conſpirators (to proceed in the ſame) to the great and apparent danger of his Majeſties Sacred Life and of the well Eſtabliſhed Government, and Religion of this Realm of *England*, as by the Record thereof among the Records of Parliament remaining more fully appeareth. And alſo in the ſame Seſſion of Parliament, the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons in the ſame Parliament Aſſembled, did declare that they were ſatisfied, that there then was, and for divers years then laſt had been an Horrible and Traiterous Plot, and Conſpiracy contrived and carried on by thoſe of the Popiſh Religion in in the Kingdom of *Ireland*, for Maſſacreing the Engliſh, and the Subvertion of the Proteſtant Religion, and the Ancient Eſtabliſhed Government of that Kingdom; of which ſaid Horrible and Traiterous Plot and Conſpiracy. *Richard Power* Earl of *Ty-*

Ac etiam quod cum fuiſſet horribilis & diabolica conſpiratio machinat. & proſecut. per Papiſtas pro murdrando Domin. Regem nunc ſubvertendo Leges & gubernation. hujus Regni & pro diſtruendo Religionem Proteſtan. in eodem Regno, que omnia diverſ. Willielmus Scrogs *bene ſciviſſet in quantum ipſemet non ſolum triaſſet verum etiam judicium reddidiſſet contra ſeperal. hujuſmodi delinquentium, nihilominus dictus* Willielmus Scrogs *ad diverſa tempora & loca tam in Cur. ſeden. quam alit, palam defamaſſet & ſcandalizaſſet ſepiral. de teſtibus qui probaſſent dictos proditiones contra diverſos conſpiratoribus & dediſſent evidenciam contra diverſas alias perſonas que tunt fuer. nomine triat. ac conatus fuiſſet defamare Anglice* to diſparage *eor. evidenciam & adimere credenciam eorum per quod quantum in ſe fuit proditorie & nequit. ſuppreſſiſſet & ſuffocaſſet detectionem dicte papalis conſpirationis ac animaſſet conſpiratores (ad procedend. in eadem) in magnum & manifeſtum periculum ſacre vite dicti Domini Regis nunc & bene Stabilit. gubernation. & Religionis hujus Regni Anglie pro ut per Record. inde inter Record Parliament. remanen. plenius apparet. Ac etiam in eadem Seſſione Parliamenti Domini Spirituales & Temporales ac Communes in eodem Parliamento aſſemblat. ſe declaraver. eis manifeſt. eſſe quod ad tunc fuit & per diverſos Annos tunc ult. elaps. fuiſſet horrenda & proditoria conſpiratio & conjuratio machinat. & proſecut. per ill. de papali Religione in Regno Hibernie pro trucidatione Anglice* Maſſacreing, *Anglor. & ſubvertion. Religionis proteſtan. & antique ſtabilit gubernationis Regni illius de qua quidem horrenda & proditoria conſpiratione & conjuratione Ricardus Power Comes Tyrone*

rone in Regno Hibernie ad eandem Sessionem Parliamenti per Communes hujus Regni Anglie in eodem Parliamento assemblat. coram Magnatibus & proceribus ejusdem Regni Anglie in Parliamento illo convocat. & convent. secundum Legem & consuetudinem Parliamenti impetit. fuit. ac inde aebite onerat. & Prisone Domin. Regis de le Gatehouse Westm. *ea Occasione Commissus fuit pro ut per Record inde inter Recorda Parliament. remanen' plenius apparet quodque tam Domin. quam Communes in dicto Parliamento assemblat. in eadem Sessione Parliamenti fuer. preparantes billas secundum cursum Parliament. in Leges inactitand' pro preservatione Domini Regis nunc & subditorum suorum protestan. contra proditorias conspirationes & conjurationes predicta penden. quibus quidem Seperalis impeticionibus versus eundem Ricardum* Power *& dictum* Willielm. Scrogs *ac predict.* Willielm. *Comitem* Powis Henricum *Dominum* Arundel *de* Wardour Willielm. *Domin.* Petre & Johannem *Domin.* Bellasis *minime determinat. ac eisdem* Willielm. *Comite* Powis Henrico *Domino* Arundel *de* Wardour Willielm. *Domin.* Petre Johanne *Domin.* Bellasis & Ricardo Power *in Prison. Domini Regis ex causis predict. ut prefertur existen. idem Parliament. super predict. decimum diem* Januarii *Anno Regni dicti Domin. Regis nunc triceſsimo secundo superdicto prorogat. fuit pro ut predict. Attorn. dict. Domin. Regis nunc Generalis superius inde allegavit absque aliqua triactione dictor.* Willi. *Co-*

rone, in the Kingdom of *Ireland*, at the same Session of Parliament, by the Commons of this Realm of *England* in the same Parliament, Assembled before the Nobles and Peers of the same Kingdom of *England* in that Parliament called together and convened, according to the Law and custom of Parliament was impeached and therewith duely charged and to the Prison of our Lord the King of the *Gate-House Westminster*, upon that occasion was committed as by the Record thereof among the Records of Parliament remaining more fully appeareth; and that as well the Lords as Commons in the said Parliament Assembled, in the same Session of Parliament were preparing Bills according to the custom of Parliament to be enacted into Laws, for the preservation of our Lord the now King, and his Protestant Subjects against Traterous Plots, and conspiracies aforesaid tending, which said several Impeachments against the same *Richard Power*, and the said Sir *William Scrogs*, and the aforesaid *William* Earl of *Powis*, *Henry* Lord *Arundel* of *Wardour*, *William* Lord *Petre*, and *John* Lord *Bellasis* undetermined, and the same *William* Earl of *Powis*, *Henry* Lord *Arundel* of *Wardour*, *William* Lord *Petre*, *John* Lord *Bellasis*, and *Richard Power* in the Prison of our Lord the King, for the Causes aforesaid, as aforesaid being, the same Parliament upon the aforesaid tenth day of *January*, in the abovesaid two and Thirtieth Year of the Raign of our said Lord the now King, was Prorogued as the aforesaid Attorney General of our said Lord the now King, hath above thereof alledged without any Tryal of the said *William* Earl of

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Powis, *Henry* Lord *Arundel* of *Wardour*, *William* Lord *Petre*, *John* Lord *Bellasis*, Sir *William Scrogs* and *Richard Power*, or any of them of the High Treasons and other the Premises whereof, they respectively as aforesaid were Impeached (and who otherwise then in Parliament could not thereof be Tryed) made or had, and before such Bills were enacted into Laws, which said Speech of our Lord the King, and the Declarations and Proceedings of the Lords and Commons of that Parliament, during the said Session of the same Parliament as aforesaid, made before the Prorogation of that Parliament were published (to VVit) at *London* aforesaid, in the said Parish of St. *Michael Bassishaw* in the Ward aforesaid; by reason of which said Premisses, the Citizens and Inhabitants of the aforesaid City of *London*, being faithful Subjects of our said Lord the now *King*, were greatly affrighted and affected in their minds, and very much Disquieted with the deep Sence and Apprehension of the great dangers impending and hanging over the person of our Lord the now King and his Government of this Realm and the Protestant Religion: and the Professors of the same by Reason of the Conspiracies aforesaid, not otherwise (as by the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, in the said Parliament Assembled, in their Addresses aforesaid, Published by our Lord the King in the said Proclamation as aforesaid is affirmed) in human reason to be prevented then

Comit. Powis Henric. *Domin. Arundel de* Wardour Willielm. *Domin.* Petre Johan. *Domin.* Bellasis Willielm. Scrogs & Ricard. Power *seu eorum alicujus de altis proditionis & al. premissis unde ipsi respective ut prefertur impetit. fuer. (ac qui aliter quam in Parliament ind. triari non potuer.) fact. sive habetur ac antequam hujusmodi bille in Leges inactitat. fuer. Que quidem Oratio dicti Domin. Regis ac Declarationes & processus Domin. & Communi. Parliamenti illius duran. dicta Sessione ejusdem Parliamenti ut prefertur fact. ante eandem Prorogationem Parliamenti illius publicat. fuer. videlt. apud* London *predict in predicta Parochia Sancti* Michaelis Bassishaw *in Warda predicta ratione quorum quidem premissor. Cives & Inhabitan. predict. Civitatis* London *fideles subditi dicti Domin. Regis nunc existen. maxime perteriti. & in animis affecti ac quam plurimum inquietat, fuer. profundo sensu & apprehentione magnor. periculor. persone Domin. Regis nunc & gubernationisue hujus Regni ac Religioni Protestan. & professoribus ejusdem occasione conspiration. predict. impenden. & munen non aliter. (pro ut per Domin. Spirituales & Temporales ac Communes in dicto Parliamento assemblat. in supplicatione sua predict. per Domin. Regem in Proclamat. predict ut prefert. publicat. affirmat. humana ration. evitand.*

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qu' per Benidictionem Dei particularem ſuper conſultationes & conamina ejuſdem Parliamenti, Quidam cives & inhabitantes ejuſdem civitatis, nomine civium & inhabitantium dict' civitatis ante Petitionem in prædicto placito prad' Attorn' General' ſurcius replicando placitat' ſpec' fact' ſeu fieri ordinat' ſcil. Prad' tertio Decimo Die Januarii Anno Regni dict' Dom' Regis nunc triceſimo ſecund' ſuper dict' Patient' Ward Miles, tunc, Maiori Civitatis London & Alderm' dict' Civitatis ac Communiariis ſive Civib' de Com' concilio ejuſdem Civitatis in Communi Concilio adtunc predicta Camera Guildhal' ejusdem Civitatis in parochia Sti Michaelis' Baſſieſhaw predict' ſecun' conſuetudinem dicte Civitatis aſſemblat' exhibuer' quandam Petitionem continend' quod ipſi Cives & inhabitan' civitat' London profunde ſenſibiles exiſten' de malis & exitiis ſuper hanc nationem in generali ac ill' civitatem Lond' in particulari pendeñ' in reſpect' periculi perſone Dom' Regis nunc Religion' Proteſtand' & bene Stabilit' guberacion' ſue per continuat' infernales & diabolicas machinaciones Papiſtar' & alior' ad herenium ſuor' ac ſcientes nullam viam (ſub Deo) tam effectual' preſervand' Dom. Regem ac cives & inhabitand' ill' ab extrem' ruina & deſtructione minat' quam per celerem Seſſionem tunc preſentis Parliamen' (cujus inopinata Prorogatio magnopere addidit et augebat juſtos timores & ſuſpiciones Animor'

than by the particular Bleſſing of God upon the Conſultation and Endeavours of the ſame *Parliament*: certain *Citizens*, and *Inhabitants* of the ſame *City*, in the name of the *Citizens*, and *Inhabitants* of the ſaid *City*, before the Petition ſpecifyed in the aforeſaid Plea of the ſaid Attorny General above, by Replying, Pleaded, made, or ordered to be made (to wit) on the aforeſaid *Thirteenth* day of *January*, in the aboveſaid *two* and *thirtyeth* year of the Reign of our ſaid Lord the now King, did exhibit to Sir *Patience Ward* Knight, then Mayor of the *City* of *London*, and the Aldermen of the ſaid *City*, and the *Commoners* or *Citizens* of the Common-Council of the ſame *City* then Aſſembled, according to the Cuſtome of the ſaid *City* in the aforeſaid Chamber of the *Guild-Hall* of the ſame *City*, in the Pariſh of St. *Michael Baſſieſhawe* aforeſaid, a certain Petition, containing, That they, the *Citizens* & *Inhabitants* of the *City* of *London*, being deeply ſenſible of the Evils and Miſcheifs hanging over this *Nation* in general, and this *City* of *London* in particular, in reſpect of the danger of the Kings Perſon, the Proteſtant Religion, and His well Eſtabliſhed Government, by the continued helliſh and damnable Deſignes of the *Papiſts* and others, their adherents; and knowing no way (under Heaven) ſo effectual to preſerve His Royal Majeſty, & the ſaid *Citizens*, and *Inhabitants*, from the utter ruine and deſtruction threatned, as by the ſpeedy ſitting of the then preſent *Parliament* (the Surpriſing Prorogation of which greatly added to and increaſed the juſt Fears and Jealouſies of the minds of

said Petitioners. They the said Petitioners did beseech the same Common-Council so as aforesaid assembled, to acquaint his Majesty with those their fears and apprehensions, and that it was the humble and earnest desire as well of them the Petitioners as them the Magistrates, Aldermen, and Commons of that Common-Council, That His Majesty would be pleased for the utter defeating the wicked and bloody Purposes of their Enemies, to permit the then present *Parliament*, which stood Prorogued to the *Twentyeth* day of the then instant *January*, then to Assemble and continue to Sit untill they should have effectually secured this Kingdom against *Popery*, and redressed the manifold Grievances, under which, it then groaned; And that for their immediate security, that the same Magistrates, and Aldermen, and Commons of that Common-Council, would order whatsoever else should be thought necessary, and expedient to them (in that time of eminent danger) for the Safety of that great City: And because by the Law of the Land of this Kingdom of *England* it is lawful for the Subjects of our Lord the King, in their straits and difficulties, humbly to to Petition our Lord the King for suitable remedy in that behalfe to be had; on the said *Thursday* the *Thirteenth* day of *January* in the aboveſaid *Two* and *Thirtyeth* year of the Reign of our said Lord, the now King, the said Sir *Patience Ward*, Knight, then Mayor of the aforesaid City of *London*, and the Aldermen of the same City (to wit) Sir *Thomas Aleyn* Knight and Barronet, Sir *John Frederick* Knight,

dictor' Petitionarior' ipsi iidem Petitiones observa ver' eidem Com. Concilio ut presertur assembla' ad informand' regiam Majestatem de ill' eor' timoribus & apprehensionibus ac quod fuit humile & fervens desiderium tam eor' Petitor' quam ipsor' Maioris & Aldermanor' ac Communeor' de Com. Concilio illo quod Regie sue Majestati placeret pro totali frustratione impior' & sanguinolentor' propositor' Inimitor' suor' ad permittend' ill' tunc presens' parliamentum quod extitit prorogat' usque vicesimum diem tunc instand' Januarii adtunc assemblare & sedend' continuare quousque effectualit' securaret hoc Regnum contra Papism' ac reformaret multiplicia pravamina sub quibus tunc gemuit & pro immediate securitate sua quod iidem Maior & Aldern' ac Communiarii de Com. concilio ill' ordinarent quod unque aliud quod necessar' & expedien' eis videretur in illo Tempore periculi imminen' per incolumitate magne Civitatis illius Et quia per legem terre hujus Regni Anglie Licitum est subdit' Dom' Regis in angustiis & difficultatibus suis ad humillime supplicand' Dom. Regi pro remedio congruo in ea parte habend' prad' die Jovis decimo tertio die Januarii Anno Regni dict' Dom' Regis nunc tricesimo secund' supradict' predict' Pacient VVard *Miles*, *tunc Maior pred' Civitatis* London *& Alderm' ejusdem Civitat' (scil'* Thomas Aleyn *Miles*, *& Bar'* Johannes Frederieke *Miles*,

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Johannes Lawrence *Miles*, Georgius Waterman *Miles*, Josephus Sheldon *Miles*, Jacobus Edwards *Miles*, Robertus Clayton *Miles*, Johannes Moore *Miles*, Gulielmus Princhard *Miles*, Henricus Tulse *Miles*, Jacobus Smith *Miles*, Robertus Jeffrey *Miles*, Johannes Shorter *Miles*, Thomas Gould *Miles*, Gulielmus Rawsterne *Miles*, Thomas Beckford *Miles*, Johannes Chapman *Miles*, Simon Lewis *Miles*, Thomas Pilkinton *Arm'* & Henricus Cornish *Arm' ac Communitatis seu Cives de com' Concilio dict' Civitatis in com' concilio suo infra eandem Civitatem (scil' in pred' Camera Guild-hall Civitatis illius ad tunc secund' consuetudinem dict' Civitatis assemblat' vota & Suffragia sua ex animis Dom' Regi per fidelib' & pro satisfaction' civium & inhabitan' ejusdem Civitat' qui petitionem eis in forma pred' exhibuissent pro allevatione timoris & apprehensionis & inquietudinis illor' ac ea intentione quantum in se fuit pro preservatione persone Dom' Regis nunc & gubernation' sue hujus regni Anglie & religionis Protestan' deder' ac nemine contradicente agreaver' & ordinaver' quod quedam petitio' sub nomine ipsor' Maioris Alderm' et Commun' Civit' London' in com' Concilio assemblat' dict' Dom' Regi nunc exhibit foret cujus quidem petitionis tenor' sequitur in his Anglicanis verbis*, viz. To the Kings most Excellent MAJESTY, The humble Petition of the

Sir *John Lawrence* Knight, Sir *George Waterman* Knight, Sir *Joseph Sheldon* Knight, Sir *James Edwards* Knight, Sir *Robert Clayton* Knight, Sir *John Moore* Knight, Sir *William Pritchard* Knight, Sir *Henry Tulse* Knight, Sir *James Smith* Knight, Sir *Robert Jeffery* Knight, Sir *John Shorter* Knight, Sir *Thomas Gould* Knight, Sir *William Rawsterne* Knight, Sir *Thomas Beckford* Knight, Sir *John Chapman* Knight, Sir *Simon Lewis* Knight, *Thomas Pilkington* Esq; and *Henry Cornish* Esq; and the Commons or *Citizens* of the Common-Council of the said *City*, then Assembled in their Common-Council, according to the custome of the said *City*, within the same *City* (to wit) in the said Chamber of the *Guild-Hall* of that *City*, out of Hearts truely Loyal to our Lord the King; and for the satisfaction of the *Citizens*, and *Inhabitants* of the same *City*, who had exhibited the Petition to them in forme aforesaid, for the alleviating their fear and apprehension, and inquietude, and with intent (as much as in them was) for the preservation of the Person of our Lord the now King, and his Government of this Realme of *England* and the Protestant Religion, did give their Votes and suffrages, and (*Nemine Contradicente*) did agree and order, That a certain Petition under the name of them, the Mayor, Aldermen and Commons of the *City* of *London* Assembled in Common-Council unto our said Lord the now King should be exhibited: The tenor of which Petition follows in these *English* words; to wit, *To the Kings Most Excellent Majesty*, The *Humble* Petition of the

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Lord Mayor, Aldermen & Commons of the *City* of *London* in Common-Council Assembled, most humbly sheweth, That Your Majestyes *Great* Council, in *Parliament*, haveing in their late Session, *in Pursuance of Your Majestyes direction*, entred upon a *Strict* and *Impartial* inquiry into the horrid and execrable *Popish* Plot which hath been for Several years last past, and still is *Carried* on for *Destruction* of Your *Majestyes* Sacred Person and *Government*, and *Extirpation* of the Protestant Religion, and the utter ruine of your Majestyes Protestant Subjects; and haveing so far proceeded therein, as justly to attaint upon full Evidence one of the five Lords Impeached for the same, and were in further Prosecution of the remaining four Lords, and other Conspirators therein: And as well the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, as the Commons in your said *Parliament* Assembled, haveing declared, That they are fully satisfyed that there now is, and for diverse years last past, hath been an horrid and treasonable Plot, and Conspiracy contrived, and carried on by those of the Popish Religion in *Ireland*, for Massacring the *English*, and subverting the Protestant Religion, and the Ancient Established Government of that Kingdom. And your said Commons haveing Impeached the Earl of *Tyrone*, in order to the bringing him to justice for the same; and haveing under examination other conspirators in the said *Irish* Plot; And your said Commons having likewise Impeached Sir *William Scroggs*, Chief Justice of Your MAJESTIES Court of *Kings Bench* for Treason,

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Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the City of *London* in Common Council Assembled, most humbly Sheweth, That Your Majesties Great Council in *Parliament*, having in their late Session, in pursuance of Your Majesties direction, entred upon a strict and impartial inquiry into the Horrid and Execrable Popish Plot, which hath been for several Years last past, and still is carried on, for the Destruction of Your Majesties Sacred Person and Government, and extirpation of the Protestant Religion, and the utter Ruine of Your Majesties Protestant Subjects: And having so far proceeded therein, as justly to Attaint, upon full Evidence, one of the Five Lords Impeached for the same, and were in further Prosecution of the remaining Four Lords, and other Conspirators therein: And as well the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, as the Commons in Your said Parliament Assembled, having declared, That they are fully satisfied that there now is, and for divers Years last past, hath been a Horrid and Treasonable Plot and Conspiracy contrived and carried on by those of the Popish Religion in *Ireland*, for Massacring the *English*, and Subverting the Protestant Religion, and the Ancient Established Government of that Kingdom: And Your said Commons having Impeached the Earl of *Tyrone*, in order to the bringing him to Justice for the same, and having under Examination, other Conspirators in the said *Irish* Plot: And Your said Commons having likewise Impeached Sir *William Scroggs*, Chief Justice of Your Majesties Court of *Kings-Bench*, for Treason,

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'and other great Crimes and Misdemeanors, endeavouring to subvert 'the Laws of this Kingdom by his Arbitrary and Illegal Proceedings; and 'having Voted Impeachment against 'several other Judges for the like Misdemeanors, your Petitioners, consi-'dering the continual hazards to which 'your sacred Life and the Protestant 'Religion, and the Peace of this King-'dom are exposed, while the hopes of 'a Popish Successor gives Countenance 'and Encouragement to the Conspira-'tors in their wicked Designs. And 'considering also the disquiet and dread-'ful Apprehensions of your good Sub-'jects, by reason of the Miseries and 'Mischiefs which threaten them on all 'parts, as well from Foreign Powers, 'as from the Conspiracies within your 'several Kingdoms, against which no 'sufficient remedy can be provided but 'by your Majesty; and your Parlia-'ment were extreamly surprised at the 'late Prorogation, whereby the prose-'cution of the publick Justice of the 'Kingdom, and the making the Pro-'visions necessary for the Preservation of 'your Majesty, and your Protestant 'Subjects hath received an interruption. 'And they are the more affected here-'with, by reason of the Experience they 'have had of the great Progress which the 'emboldned Conspirators have former-'ly made in their Designs, during the 'late frequent recesses of Parliament; 'but that which supports them against 'Despair, is, the hopes they derive 'from your Majesties Goodness, that 'your intention was, and does conti-'nue by this Prorogation to make way 'for your better concurrence with the 'Counsels of your Parliament. And 'your Petitioners humbly hope that 'your Majesty will not take offence 'that your Subjects are thus zealous, 'and even impatient of the least delay 'of the long hoped for security, whilst 'they see your precious Life invaded, 'the true Religion undermined, their 'Families and innocent Posterity likely 'to be subjected to Blood, Confusion and 'Ruine, and all these dangers encreas-'ed by reason of the late Endeavours of 'your Majesty and your Parliament, 'which have added Provocation to the

and other great Crimes and Misdemeanors, in endeavouring to subvert the Laws of this Kingdom by his Arbitrary and Illegal Proceedings, and having voted Impeachments against several other Judges for the like Misdemeanors, your Petitioners considering the continual hazards to which your sacred Life, and the Protestant Religion, and the Peace of this Kingdom are exposed, while the hopes of a Popish Successor gives Countenance and Encouragement to the Conspirators in their wicked Designs. And considering also the disquiet and dreadful Apprehensions of your good Subjects, by reason of the Miseries and Mischiefs which threaten them on all parts, as well from Foreign Powers, as from the Conspiracies within your several Kingdoms, against which no sufficient remedy can be provided but by your Majesty; and your Parliament were extreamly surprised at the late Prorogation, whereby the prosecution of the publick Justice of the Kingdom, and the making the Provisions necessary for the preservation of your Majesty and your Protestant Subjects hath received an interruption. And they are the more affected herewith, by reason of the Experience they have had of the great Progress which the emboldned Conspirators have formerly made in their Designs, during the late frequent recesses of Parliament; but that which supports them against Despair, is, the hopes they derive from your Majesties Goodness, that your intention was, and does continue by this Prorogation, to make way for your better concurrence with the Counsels of your Parliament. And your Petitioners humbly hope that your Majesty will not take offence that your Subjects are thus zealous, and even impatient of the least delay of the long hoped for Security, whilst they see your precious Life invaded, the true Religion undermined, their Families and innocent Posterity likely to be subjected to Blood, Confusion and Ruine, and all these dangers encreased, by reason of the late Endeavours of your Majesty and your Parliament, which have added Provocation

to the Conſpirators, but have had little or no effect towards the ſecuring againſt them, and they truſt your Majeſty will graciouſly accept this Diſcovery, and deſire of their Loyal Hearts to preſerve your Majeſty, and whatever elſe is dear to them, and to ſtrengthen your Majeſty againſt all Popiſh and pernicious Counſels, which any ill affected perſons may preſume to offer: They do therefore moſt humbly pray, that your Majeſty will be graciouſly pleaſed (as the only means to quiet the minds, and extinguiſh the fears of your Proteſtant People, and prevent the eminent dangers which threaten your Majeſties Kingdoms, and particularly this your great City, which hath already ſo deeply ſuffered for the ſame) to permit your ſaid Parliament to ſit from the day to which they are Prorogued, until by their Counſels and Endeavours, thoſe good remedies ſhall be provided, and thoſe juſt ends attained, upon which the ſafety of your Majeſties Perſon, the preſervation of the Proteſtant Religion, the Peace and Settlement of your Kingdoms, and the welfare of this your ancient City, do ſo abſolutely depend for the purſuing and obtaining of which good effects, your Petitioners unanimouſly do offer their Lives and Eſtates. And ſhall ever pray, *&c.* And they did then and there further agree and order, That that Petition after the preſentation thereof to our ſame Lord the King ſhould be Printed by ſuch perſon as the ſaid then Maior of the City of *London* aforeſaid ſhould appoint. Which ſaid Petition was ſo ordered to be Printed, with intent that the publiſhing of falſe Rumors and Reports of and concerning the Petition exhibited to our ſaid Lord the King might be prevented; the Enemies of our Lord the King, and the Conſpirators aforeſaid, from proceeding in their Conſpiracy aforeſaid might be deterred, the perturbations which the good and Loyal Subjects of our ſaid Lord the now King, for the cauſes aforeſaid, had conceived in their minds, might be alleviated, and the Citizens and Inhabitants of the ſame City might better know what had been done in the ſaid Common-Councill concerning the matter contained in the Petition aforeſaid to the ſame

'Conſpirators, but have had little or 'no effect towards ſecuring againſt them, 'and they truſt your Majeſty will gra-'ciouſly accept of this Diſcovery, and 'deſire of their Loyal Hearts to preſerve 'your Majeſty, and whatever elſe is dear 'to them, and to ſtrengthen your Ma-'jeſty againſt all Popiſh and pernicious 'Counſels, which any ill affected per-'ſons may preſume to offer. They do 'therefore moſt humbly pray, that your 'Majeſty will be graciouſly pleaſed (as 'the only means to quiet the minds and 'extinguiſh the fears of your Proteſtant 'People, and prevent the eminent dan-'gers which threaten your Majeſties 'Kingdoms, and particularly this your 'great City, which hath already ſo deep-'ly ſuffered for the ſame) to permit 'your ſaid Parliament to ſit from the 'day to which they are Prorogued, un-'til by their Counſels and Endeavours 'thoſe good remedies ſhall be provided, 'and thoſe juſt ends attained, upon 'which the ſafety of your Majeſties Per-'ſon, the preſervation of the Proteſtant 'Religion, the Peace and Settlement of 'your Kingdoms, and the welfare of 'this your ancient City, do ſo abſolute-'ly depend; for the purſuing and ob-'taining of which good effects, your 'Petitioners unanimouſly do offer their 'Lives and Eſtates. And ſhall ever 'pray, *&c.* *Ac adtunc & ibidem ulterius agreaver' & ordinaver' quod Petitio ill' poſt preſentation' inde eidem Dom. Regi impreſſa foret per talem perſonam qual' dictus tunc Major. Civitat' London' prad. appunctuaret Quæ quidem Petitio ſic fuit imprimi ordinat. ea intentione quod Publicatio ſior. rumor. & relation. de & concernen. Petition. dicto Domino Regi exhibit. evitaretur munici Domini Regis & Conſpiratores prad. a procedendo in conſpiratione ſua prad. deturrerentur perturbationes quas boni & fideles ſubditi dicti Domini Regis nunc in animis ſuis ex cauſis prædictis concepiſſent alleviaremtur & Cives & Inhabitan. ejuſdem Civitat. melius ſcirent quid factum fuiſſet in dicto Communi Concilio de materia in Petitione prad. eidem Communi Concilio*

ut præfertur exhibit. content. Quodque prædicta Petitio dicto Dom. Regi ſic preſentari agreat. poſtea ſcilicet præd. decimo tertio die Januarii Anno triceſimo ſecundo ſupradicto eidem Dom. Regi humillime præſentat. fuit videlicet apud London præd. in prædicta parochia Sancti Michael. Baſſieſhawe in Warda prædict. ac poſtea ſcil. decimo quinto die ejuſdem menſis Januarii per Samuelem Roycroft (quem dictus Paciens Ward tunc Major. Civitat. London. ad inde appunctuavit) impreſſa fuit juxta ordinem præd. in ea parte fact' videlicet apud London. præd. in Parochia & Warda præd. Que quidem Petitio & impreſſio inde informa & ex cauſa præd. fact. ſunt eadem Petitio & impreſſio & publicatio inde in præd. placito præd. Attorn. Generalis ſuperius replicando placitat. ſpec. Abſq; hoc quod aliqua Petitio de vel concernen. Prorogation. Parliamenti præd. fact. ordinat. Publicat. ſeu impreſs. fuit alit. vel alio modo quam iidem Major. & Communitas ac Cives Civitat. London. ſuperius allegaver. prout idem Attorn. Generalis pro dicto Domino Rege ſuperius ſuppon. & hoc ſcilicet Parat. ſunt verificare unde iidem Major. & Communitas ac Cives Civitat. London. non intendunt quod ipſi per aliqua præallegat. præd. Libertat. Privileg. & Franchef. fore de ſeipſis unum Corpus Corporat. & Politicum in re facto & nomine per nomen Majoris & Communitat. ac Civum Civitat. London. ac per idem nomen placitare & implacitari reſpondere ac reſponderi per ipſos ſuperius ut præfertur clamat. forisfecer. ac ut Prius Pet. judicium & quod Libertat. Privileg. & Franchef. ill. eis & Succeſſoribus ſuis imperpetuum deinceps allocentur & adjudicentur ac quod ipſi quoad præmiſſ. ill. ab hac Cur. dimittantur, &c.

Common-Council as aforeſaid exhibited. And that the aforeſaid Petition to our ſaid Lord the King, ſo agreed to be preſented, afterwards (to wit) the aforeſaid thirteenth day of *January*, in the two and thirtieth year aboveſaid, to our ſame Lord the King moſt humbly was preſented, (to wit, at *London* aforeſaid, in the aforeſaid Pariſh of Saint *Michael Baſſieſhawe*, in the Ward aforeſaid) and afterwards (to wit) on the fifteenth day of the ſame Moneth of *January*, by *Samuel Roycroft* (whom the ſaid Sir *Patience Ward*, then Mayor of the City of *London* thereto had appointed) was Printed according to the Order aforeſaid, in that behalf made (to wit) at *London* aforeſaid, in the Pariſh and Ward aforeſaid. Which ſaid Petition, and the Printing thereof in the form and for the cauſe aforeſaid done, are the ſame Petition, and the Printing and Publiſhing thereof ſpecified in the aforeſaid Plea of the aforeſaid Attorney General above, by replying pleaded—Without that, That any Petition of or concerning the Prorogation of the Parliament aforeſaid, was made, Ordered, Publiſhed or Printed otherwiſe, or in other manner than the ſame Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of *London* have above alledged, as the ſame Attorney General for our ſaid Lord the King above ſuppoſeth. And this likewiſe they are ready to verifie: Whereupon the ſame Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of *London*, do not intend that they, by any things before alledged, have forfeited the aforeſaid Liberty, Priviledge and Franchiſe, to be of themſelves one Body Corporate and Politick, in deed, fact and name, by the name of the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of *London*, and by the ſame name to plead and be impleaded, to anſwer and be anſwered unto by them above, as aforeſaid claimed; And as before pray Judgment, and that that Liberty, Priviledge and Franchiſe to them and their Succeſſors for ever, for the future, be allowed and adjudged, and that they as to thoſe Premiſſes, be diſmiſſed from this Court, &c.

FINIS.